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INDIA'S RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS HIT RECORD HIGH IN FEBRUARY

India imported 1.62 million barrels of Russian crude per day last month, accounting for over 35% of oil imports. India imported more oil from Russia last month than Iraq and Saudi Arabia put together. Prior to the start of the Ukraine war, Russia's share in India's crude oil import was just 0.2% as per energy cargo tracker Vortexa. With the West imposing embargoes on Russian oil to punish Moscow for its war, India began snapping up Russian cargo at a steep discount.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

G20 | Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav | NAVA KARNATAKA FOR NAVA BHARAT

Priority to Upliftment of SC and ST

- Increased reservation from 15% to 17% for SC and 3% to 7% for ST in education and recruitment.
- 75 units of free electricity to BPL families of SC/ST under Amrut Jyothi Scheme
- Under the 'Bhoo Odethana' scheme, unit cost increased from Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh and from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh.
- Rs. 29,000 crore under SCP/TSP for the development of SC and ST in the current year
- Financial aid given to SC/ST under Housing Scheme raised from Rs. 1.75 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.

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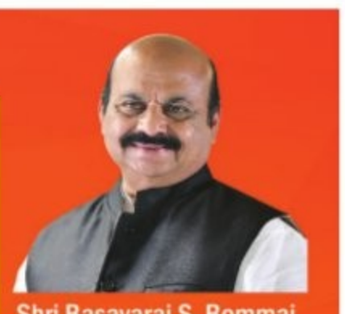

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

PFI hit squad head held in Nettaru case

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested an absconding accused in the sensational Praveen Nettaru murder case. According to informed sources, the NIA arrested accused absconder Thufail MH - the District Head of Popular Front of India (PFI) 'Service Team' (Hit Team) and former PFI district secretary, Kodagu --from his house in Amruthahalli in Bengaluru on March 4 late evening after setting up a decoy.

Thufail MH

The NIA had earlier announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh for information leading to the arrest of Thufail. He was among the 20 accused chargesheeted in the Nettaru case by the NIA in January. Thufail, along with Musthafa Paichar, Masud KA, Kodaje Mohammed Sherif, Abubakkar Siddik and Ummar Farook MR, was absconding.

The accused are members of the banned PFI and had planned and executed Nettaru's murder to "to create terror, communal hatred and unrest in society and to further its agenda of establishing Islamic rule by 2047", the NIA had stated in the chargesheet.

According to the NIA, Thufail had "played a significant role in PFI's larger conspiracy to murder leaders of a particular community. He had also provided shelter and safe harbour to the three assailants in the Nettaru case at Ashiyana Residency of Koppa village, Mysuru district, who had recced and then hacked Nettaru to death."

Thufail was accused in the Prashanth Poojari murder case registered in Kushalnagar Rural police station and also a case of attempt to murder VHP leader Ganesh. P5

UN seals historic deal to save oceans

Agreement reached after years of negotiations; aims to protect 30% of oceans by 2030

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

WRAPPING up almost two decades of negotiations, some 200 UN member countries, including India, on Sunday reached a historic agreement to protect the world's oceans and the species that dwell in them from exploitation. It is the first international agreement to protect the high seas, which cover 60% of the earth's surface, regulate the climate and generate half of the oxygen we breathe.

The high seas begin at the border of countries' exclusive economic zones and fall under the jurisdiction of no country.

The treaty aims to make 30% of the high seas "protected waters" by 2030 and help establish a conference of parties for further negotiations. Protected waters mean there will be restrictions on fishing, what routes ships can use, and exploration activities like deep-sea mining. The talks that began in 2007 have been hampered by disagreements even till the last minute. A major stumbling

block was how to share marine genetic resources available vastly in the deep sea, like sponges, krill, corals, seaweeds, bacteria and minerals.

Industrialised nations target these resources for use in medicines, cosmetics, making electric vehicle batteries, and other industrial purposes. The treaty will give all countries equitable rights over fishing, shipping and research.

"The first UN convention on the law of the sea was signed some 40 years back, which didn't address the emerging scenario where every country is eyeing for resources to tackle climate change," said G A Ramadass, director, National Institute of Ocean Technology.

India shining example of digi infra, says Gita

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

GITA Gopinath, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on Sunday said India is a shining example in digital public infrastructure.

During her visit to the city to take part in the graduation day celebration of JSS Women's College, she said India, since assuming the presidency of G-20, has been doing an incredible job of conducting meetings of the grouping.

"The country is a good example in digital public infrastructure and good policies have contributed to this. There is a need to bring in reforms in the field of labour market and labour force participation," she said.

"India will play a pivotal role in the G-20 meetings with discussions on cybersecurity, cyber risk, crypto, food security and energy security," she said.

The country's growth at 6.1% is good and it is because of favourable policies, she said.

'I'D RATHER WORK IN INDIAN FILM...'

Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor, who was in the city, chats with Bengaluru City Express about Indian movies going global, genres he finds hard to do, and being a new parent

BENGALURU CITY EXPRESS: P1

Oppn writes to PM, slams Sisodia arrest

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

NINE Opposition leaders on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging "the blatant misuse" of central investigating agencies against political opponents of the ruling dispensation. In the joint letter written by major opposition parties, barring the Congress, the leaders claimed the recent arrest of former Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia in the excise policy case suggested India's 'transition from a democracy to an autocracy'.

Apart from the Congress, the DMK, JD(U) and JDS leaders were also missing from the list of signatories. This is notable because the Congress has been vocal about the purported misuse of central agencies.

The letter was signed by Arvind Kejriwal, Bhagwant Mann (AAP), K Chandrashekar Rao (BRS), Farooq Abdullah (NC), Mamata Banerjee (Trinamool), Akhilesh Yadav (SP), Sharad Pawar (NCP), Tejashwi Yadav (RJD) and Uddhav Thackeray (Sena).

EXPRESS READ

Navy's BrahMos test successful

New Delhi: The Indian Navy on Sunday successfully test-fired in the Arabian Sea the ship-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic missile. The missile that was tested had the indigenous "seeker and booster', officials said.

Athlete brothers, 95 & 86 yrs old, off to Sydney for masters tourney

PRAJNA G R @ Madikeri

WHILE most people of their vintage would be nursing various aches and suffering from age-related issues, here are two elderly athletes, siblings aged 95 and 86, who have trained themselves hard to take part in their first-ever international meet to be held in Sydney soon.

Palekanda Bopaiah (95) and Palekanda Belliappa (86) reside in Kadanuru and Gonikoppal of Kodagu. They have taken part in several Master Games Championships held across the country and won 13 medals so far. However, this is their first international meet.

"The Master Games Championships will be held in Sydney from March 10 to March 15. It has been our long-cherished dream to take part in this tournament and we have been able to do it with the support of our family," said Belliappa. They have shelled out Rs 2.45 lakh for the flight and other expenses for the tournament.

Belliappa said that he wrote to the Kodagu-Mysuru MP, Kodagu DC, Sports Department officials and even the Prime Minister, requesting financial support. "But we did not receive any reply. Though the DC wrote to the Bengaluru office, they denied funds. However, our family came forward and collected funds," he added. P4

Palekanda Bopaiah

Palekanda Belliappa

Boy dies in blast at illegal gas filling unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AN 11-year-old boy died in an explosion at an illegal gas refilling unit at a house in Guddadahalli, near Hebbal, on Sunday morning.

The deceased, Mahesh, was a Class 4 student at a government school. His parents, Mallappa and Saraswati from Yadgir, are daily wagers living in Guddadahalli.

Police said the incident occurred around 11am Sunday, when Mahesh went to a neighbour's house. Residents heard a loud explosion and rushed to the house. They found the boy lying grievously injured, and rushed him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

"The interiors of the house was damaged. The boy used to visit the house, where a person called Liyakath lived. On Sunday morning too, he went there to play when the incident occurred. No one else was injured as only Mahesh was inside the house, where LPG cylinders and apparatus used to refill gas were found," police said.

"We have taken up a case against landlord Devaraj and tenant Liyakath, who is absconding," Hebbal police added.

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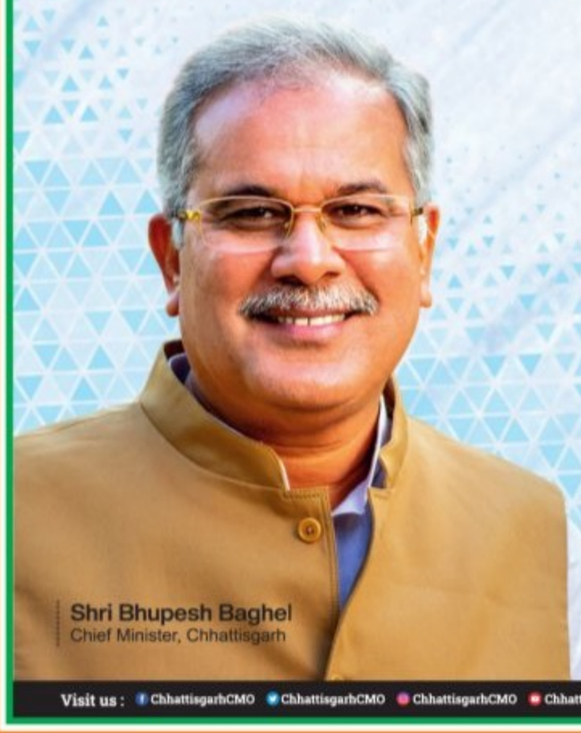

Shri Bhupesh Baghel
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

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• Nakshatra: Makha 10.52 pm • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST: sunny

Sunrise 6.33 am
Sunset 6.29 pm
Moonrise 5.42 pm
Moonset 5.49 am

RAILWAYS-BBMP STANDOFF STALLS ROB ROAD COMPLETION WORK

Asphalting by Palike stopped on allegations of construction encroaching Rly premises

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT-run entities, the Railways and BBMP, had a standoff on Friday night in Mathikere when the Palike tried to asphalt a road leading to a Railway Over Bridge (ROB) completed five years ago. The Bengaluru Railway Division rushed both the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police to stop the work, saying that Palike cannot go ahead with the construction work within its property.

The ROB, which eliminated a level crossing gate (No. 4) between Yesvantpur and Lottegollahalli railway stations, was built by the Railways in 2017-2018. But approach roads could not be built by the BBMP because of land acquisition issues. After a big lull, BBMP finally began work here on Thursday and was laying a crucial link road from Muthalya Nagar to JP Park Main Road when the Railways stopped it.

Officials of Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police confront the BBMP officials, in Mathikere on Friday night | EXPRESS

Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, Shyam Singh said the property on which the BBMP was laying the road belongs to the Railways. "How can any agency, even if it is government run, can enter our property and start work without our consent? We have asked them to stop the work for now. The Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Infrastructure will hold talks soon with BBMP officials to sort out the issue," he told TNIE.

BS Prahlad, Chief Engineer, Road and Infrastructure, BBMP, said, "This project is a joint development programme by the Railways and BBMP. The ROB was completed by the Railways in 2018 and we had given it all the requisite permission then. We have already spent nearly Rs 15 crore in acquiring land here for our construction work. Now, the Railways is not allowing us to go ahead and lay the road stating it falls within its boundary. Unless proper approach roads are being built to the ROB, it would not be of much use to the public."

Executive Engineer JR Nandish did not respond to calls and messages. D Sanjeev, who stayed in the area for two decades before relocating, said, "This is an important link road and would offer resident easy access to the bridge. It needs to be completed at the earliest."

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

BMTC uses drivers' salaries to pay ₹33L discounted fine

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ONE of the early birds to avail the 50 per cent discount on traffic fines offered by the state government was the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), which has paid Rs 33 lakh in fines. Among the major traffic violations by the BMTC buses include 12,000 signal jumps and haphazard parking, fines of which totalled to Rs 66 lakhs.

Confirming that the BMTC has paid a fine of Rs 33 lakh, BMTC MD Satyavathi said the fines were majorly pertaining to signal jumps and illegal parking. "We have paid Rs 33 lakh in fine. The fine amount was paid after recovering the same from the BMTC drivers who committed the violations," he said.

Satyavathi added that the amount was deducted from the driver's salaries as a deterrent to prevent them from committing traffic violations in the future.

The state government had ordered that a flat 50 per cent discount on traffic violations on February 2, to be valid only till February 11th initially. The discount was re-implemented on March 4 and will extend till March 18.

While the traffic police personnel routinely apprehend cabs, bikes and other vehicles, if they spot a visible violation like over-speeding, reckless driving and signal jumps, government buses are not stopped as it could cause inconvenience to the passengers commuting in the bus. The traffic police maintain that slapping fines on BMTC buses is the only option they have.

'Need separate regulatory body for pvt schools'

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

PARENTS have demanded a separate legislation for the regulation of private schools in Karnataka, stating that the recent unauthorised schools fiasco is proof of how private schools can jump through loopholes.

Mohammed Shakeel, president of 'Voice of Parents, Karnataka Association' said that currently, the system of government means that private schools are unregulated after being given recognition and other necessary approvals for running a school. "This means that chain schools are able to get affiliation for four schools, while running 20 unauthorised schools. There needs to be a comprehensive legislation that can cover all private schools and regulate them so that issues like these don't happen, especially with regard to fixing fees or determining whether a school is profiteering," he said.

He said there are several things that need to be handled when it comes to regulation of schools. "The onus of understanding whether a school is violating rules or regulations, or whether it is authorised or not, should not fall on the shoulders of parents and activists, it must fall on the government. Considering the varied nature of private schools as well, it is not wise to have a one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to regulation," he said.

Particularly, the association has asked that a legislation be included that can formulate a pre-determination committee, that can decide whether a school is engaging in profiteering or commercialisation in terms of fees. They have also asked that a regulatory body be formed, on lines similar to the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), as well as a proper grievance redressal system and ombudsman to deal with any complaints against the schools.

EXPRESS READ

Cyclothon held for World Kidney Day

Bengaluru: Manipal Hospitals in Bengaluru organised 'Cyclothon 2.0' on the occasion of World Kidney Day, celebrated annually on March 9 to create awareness about kidney health. A bean-shaped path was chosen for the cyclothon, depicting a kidney, and was flagged off from the Old Airport Road branch of the hospital on Sunday morning. Around 600 participants, including fitness experts, doctors and influencers joined the cyclothon. Doctors at Manipal Hospitals said the value of kidney health showcases an individual's overall health and well being. They also observed a disturbing rise in the number of patients suffering from kidney diseases since last year. ENS

Premji varsity students say mgmt used Shinde's death to defame stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

STUDENTS protesting at the Azim Premji University (APU) have hit out at the university post the death of student Abhijit Shinde, stating that the university used the death as an opportunity to 'defame' the protest.

The students have been protesting since February 23, asking for a waiver in shuttle fees imposed by the university this year. While the university stated that the students were given prior notice of the shuttle fees and are still choosing to protest, the students have maintained that they were not properly intimated on the issue prior to admissions.

"This is in response to the 'statement' the University released on February 26 announcing the demise of our friend and clarifying relevant 'facts'. The administration has taken advantage of this moment to defame the democratic protest of the students, isolate the protest and brand our demands as 'entirely unreasonable'. The first 'statement' that the university put up contained factual errors regarding Abhijit's involvement in the protest — it claimed that he was not part of the protest in its last two days. After much push back, the administration decided to rephrase it in a misleading manner, wherein it failed to acknowledge the active role of Abhijit in the struggle even in its revised 'statement'," the students said.

Further, the students reiterated their own timeline of the shuttle fee issue, stating that the university had sent a provisional offer letter to students, with the statement, 'Transportation charges will be extra and will be communicated to you later', included. The students stated that they were asked to pay an acceptance fee in response to the provisional offer letter without prior knowledge of the shuttle fees. They also stated that the university had isolated the group of protesting students, terming them as a 'small group', despite over 350 students voicing support for the protest.

Animal Welfare Board appeals to citizens to refrain from applying colours on animals

Bengaluru: With the festival of colours Holi coming up on Wednesday, the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB) has issued an order appealing to people to refrain from applying colours on animals during the celebrations. The order said that action can be taken against the violaters under the Animal Cruelty Act 1960 and requested citizens to take the necessary precautions. The order dated March 3, issued by the Member Secretary of the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, said there are high chances for the animals to be affected directly or indirectly during Holi celebrations. "Out of ignorance, people put colours on animals like dogs, cats, and cows. When the colours get into their eyes, it can even make them blind. Unlike humans, who wash off the colours, animals clean their bodies by licking themselves. The colours are swallowed when they lick and this causes inconveniences to them," said an animal rights activist. ENS

Mrs International Super Queen: 16 married women take part in beauty pageant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TO empower married women to pursue their interest in fashion and prioritise their hobbies over their families once in a while, 16 women from Karnataka participated in Mrs International Super Queen at Shangri La on Sunday.

Veena Jain, National Director, International Beauty Pageants, Mrs India Globe 2016, also the wife of renowned Vedic astrologer Dr SK Jain, organised the pageant for women of Karnataka to appreciate their beauty and take it as a platform to showcase their talent and gain confidence.

Radhika Habib from Hubballi won the title of "Mrs International Super Queen 2023" (up to 45-year category). She was elated with her win, "I have come out of my nest after almost 20 years and it feels good. I would like to give a message to all the women like me that it is very important to practise self love; working upon ourselves is equally important than always prioritising our family." Karnataka's Rashmi Kullur also won the "Mrs International Classic Super Queen" title (45 years and above category).

Participants at Mrs International Super Queen 2023 organised by Veena Jain, national director of International Beauty Pageants, in Bengaluru on Sunday; (R) Radhika Habib (centre), who won the beauty pageant, with Kannada actress Priyanka Upendra (left) and Veena Jain (right) | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The pageant saw several women from different aspects of life, homemakers, entrepreneurs, artists, actors, corporate employees and stylists, participating in the event. Many shared their experience of walking on the stage for the first time in their life. They said it was a confidence booster and gave them courage to pursue their passion. This pageant is only a stepping stone and despite winning or losing they will continue to participate in more such pageants, they added.

Kannada actress Priyanka Upendra, one of the jury members, shared that she started her career with a beauty pageant in Kolkata. She explained that after marriage women's priorities tend to change and they rarely get time for themselves. All women must ensure to pursue their passion which will be a driving force for them in life. Only then can women work on improving their intrapersonal skills and take out time for themselves, she added.

The jury plans to take the initiative across India and world over the next few years to encourage women across the world and to provide them with opportunities to pursue their passion.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06TH March: Mercury is still passing through exceptional regions of the sky, encouraging a rational approach to all problems - in the best possible sense. What I mean by that is that all ideas, offers and invitations should be treated with a touch of scepticism. After all, what looks true today may seem different tomorrow!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This is not an astounding day from the planetary point of view, which means that you may set your own course. One word of advice is to allow yourself as much time as you need for the occasional quiet day-dream. And soon, of course, you'll spring into action, surprising everyone.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The social dimension is important, indicating that, even in matters in which you've previously done quite well by yourself, you should now consider asking for help. In the final analysis, you might need no more than moral support. You may be able to achieve everything else by yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may give first place to worldly ambitions, but make sure they're mixed with a healthy portion of idealism. The plain fact is that, for some reason, self-interest is often served best if you do what's best for others. But, then, life's strange like that sometimes!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Pleasant emotional influences should help you chill out. In plain English this means that you may relax and count your blessings! On a purely superficial level, you can sort out legal affairs and travel plans, and make sure that the relevant instructions are absolutely clear.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may pay a little extra attention to joint finances, especially if domestic duties are spiralling out of control. However, there are few indications of worldly stress today, and many powerful suggestions that you can sail off into a private dream world.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may make social plans and celebrations a priority, and listen carefully to whatever close partners say, as even if their words are apparently nonsense, there is a deeper meaning which could do you a great deal of good. You also stand to benefit from chance events, so keep alert to the ebb and flow of fate.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
One very interesting and rare planetary aspect reveals the possibility of great generosity. It is, however, unclear as to whether you will be parting with your money or receiving someone else's support. The first option would seem more likely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There are ways and means in which friends can be of great help. In fact, there is one person who could be more helpful than you ever thought possible. It may be time to ask others to tell you the truth, no matter how uncomfortable. You will know what to do when you get the message.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
For some of you it will be pleasant to stay at home, safe within the domestic womb. For others, it will be money that's important and, if you're in the housing market or otherwise dealing with property, events could move in a highly satisfactory direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Sometimes your life is just not your own! Partners will demand your attention even more than in the past. However, if you can manage to make a subtle shift in your perceptions, you should start to pay less attention to loved ones' words - and more to their actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Money can buy your dreams, but only to a certain extent. This is why it will help if you continue to be as practical as you have learnt to be so far this year. You are living in this world of the here-and-now, not in some other mysterious dimension.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
With lunar alignments solidly on your side you have the advantage today, but only just. The way to achieve your goals is to be spontaneous, creative and young at heart. Something you did when you were much younger, might now hold the key to future action.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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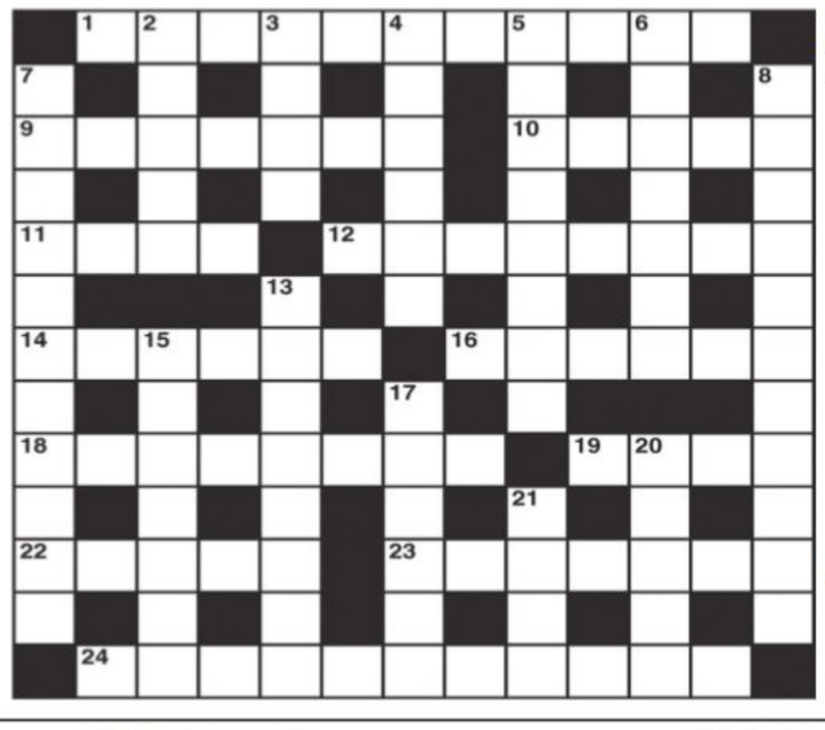

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 All right in part (4-7)
9 Reprimand for violent pub attack (7)
10 I held out for foreign capital (5)
11 Entrance for spectators (4)
12 Settle the charges for air freight (8)
14 Sound may indicate a child's progress (6)
16 A sign of cold perhaps (6)
18 Poison counter (8)
19 Lowland farewell (4)
22 Currency unit in Costa Rica is the mark (5)
23 Bloomer to transplant round Easter (3,4)
24 A case perhaps for harmless pursuits (5,6)

DOWN
2 A full round or a small portion? (5)
3 Lacking lustre a sailor is under the doctor (4)
4 Conclude with a feature on charm (6)
5 Trifling job for a musician (8)
6 Pass near end of stage to set sequence (7)
7 Fast walk as a demonstration (6,5)
8 The best side of a club (5,6)
13 Girl shows good sense (8)
15 Two girls on one knee (7)
17 Radio reception problem which never goes away (6)
20 Left in a unit entirely without support? (5)
21 Fail to keep up a legend (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Thatch, 4 Absinthe, 9 Lollop, 10 Reindeer, 12 Rule, 13 Backs, 14 Isle, 17 Tailor's dummy, 20 A little extra, 23 Aims, 24 Motor, 25 Deck, 28 Learning, 29 Polish, 30 Wariness, 31 Plight.

Down: 1 Tolerate, 2 Alleluia, 3 Crop, 5 Bleak outlook, 6 Inns, 7 Theism, 8 Earner, 11 Basset hounds, 15 Toils, 16 Amber, 18 Steering, 19 Backchat, 21 Sallow, 22 Impair, 26 Anon, 27 Toll.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PRIOR SHOVE ENSIGN SEASON
Answer: Linda Blair was able to watch "The Exorcist" on DVD because it was in — HER POSSESSION

ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಬದ್ಧತೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯ, ಭರವಸೆಯ ಬೆಳಕು

ಶಂಕುಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನಾ ಸಮಾರಂಭ

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.03.2023, ಸೋಮವಾರ, ಸಮಯ: ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
ಸ್ಥಳ: ಬೆವಿಕಂ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಆಫ್ ಎಕ್ಸಲೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಹೆಚ್. ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿಯವರ** ಅಮೃತಹಸ್ತದಿಂದ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ.
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಂಧನ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಚಿವರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಸುನಿಲ್ ಕುಮಾರ್** ಅವರ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಹೊಸ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಂಕುಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ

ಬೆವಿಕಂ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ, ರಾಮನಗರ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ, ತುಮಕೂರು, ಕೋಲಾರ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು

ಬೆ.ವಿ.ಕಂ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ

- ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಆಫ್ ಎಕ್ಸಲೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್ ಲೇಔಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಬೆವಿಕಂ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಬೇತಮಂಗಲ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಎಫ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಶಿಡ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ ನಗರ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಶಿಡ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಪುರ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಪುರ (ಹೊಸದುರ್ಗ ತಾಲೂಕು), ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಲನಾ ಘಟಕ-1 ಮತ್ತು 2, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಪಾವಗಡ, ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, W-7, ಆರ್.ಆರ್ ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, S-15, ಕತ್ರಿಗುಪ್ಪೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, S-16, ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ. ಲೇಔಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ತಿಪಟೂರು, ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಲನಾ ಘಟಕ-1 ಮತ್ತು 2, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಸೂರ್ಯ ಸಿಟಿ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ನಗರ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ನಗರ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಿಯ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕೋಲಾರ, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಬೆ.ವಿ.ಕಂ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಶಂಕುಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ

- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, K-4, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, N-3, ಗೋವಿಂದರಾಜನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, W-8, ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಮುತ್ತನಲ್ಲೂರು ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಇಂಡ್ಲವಾಡಿ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಆನೇಕಲ್ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
- ಚಂದಾಪುರ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನೆಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

1. ಬೆಳಕು – ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ರಹಿತ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ.
2. 24 ಗಂಟೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಟಿ.ಸಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ.
3. ಅಮೃತ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ-ಎಸ್.ಸಿ, ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೆ 75 ಯೂನಿಟ್ ಉಚಿತ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್.
4. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ 11 ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ.
5. 320 ಇವಿ ಚಾರ್ಜಿಂಗ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾರಂಭ. 3264 ಇವಿ ಚಾರ್ಜಿಂಗ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಗುರಿ
6. ಬೆವಿಕಂ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 49 ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್‌ಫಾರ್ಮರ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ .
7. ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳ ಮೂರನೇ ಶನಿವಾರ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಅದಾಲತ್ ಆಯೋಜನೆ.
8. ಸೌರ ಗೃಹ ಯೋಜನೆ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ.

ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಕಂಬ, ಟಿಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಲಕರಣೆಗಳ ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಿರುವ 25 ಹೊಸ ಲಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ ಅವರಿಂದ ಹಸಿರು ನಿಶಾನೆ.

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿಯವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಂಧನ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಸುನಿಲ್ ಕುಮಾರ್‌ರವರು ಇಲಾಖಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಶುರಾಮ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆಯನ್ನು ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಪಿಲ್ ಮೋಹನ್, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಇಂಧನ ಇಲಾಖೆ	**ಶ್ರೀ ಎಮ್.ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀಕರ್** ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ವಿ.ನಿ.ನಿ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	**ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಡಾ. ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುಳ** ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಾಂತೇಶ ಬೀಳಗಿ ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಬೆವಿಕಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	**ಶ್ರೀ ದರ್ಶನ್ ಜೆ.** ಭಾ.ರಾ.ಸೇ. ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಹಣಕಾಸು), ಬೆ.ವಿ.ಕಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	**ಶ್ರೀ. ರಮೇಶ್ ಎಚ್. ಜೆ.** ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ), ಬೆ.ವಿ.ಕಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಬೆಸ್ಕಾಂ 24x7 ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ 1912

"ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾನವರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರರಾಗಿಯೇ ಜನಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಘನತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಾನರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವಿವೇಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಃಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದವರಾಗಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಸಹೋದರ ಭಾವದಿಂದ ವರ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು." – ಇದು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂವಿಧಾನಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

AIMIM has released its first list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections. On Sunday, the party announced Lateefkhan Amirkhan Pathan as its candidate for Belagavi North, Durgappa Kashappa Bijawad for Hubli-Dharwad East, and Allabaksh Mehboob Sab Bijapur for Basavana Bagewadi Assembly constituencies

Cong hungry for power to hush up graft cases: CM

Bommai reminds Cong of minister taking bribe in Soudha

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launches various projects under Smart City works in Tumakuru on Sunday | EXPRESS

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BJP has the moral strength to give full powers to the Lokayukta while Congress wants to come to power to hush up their corruption cases, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, reacting to the Grand Old Party leaders demanding his resignation after Rs 8 crore unaccounted cash was seized from Channagiri MLA Madal Virupakshappa's residence and his son was trapped while accepting a bribe.

Speaking to mediapersons in at Balehonnur in Chikkamagaluru district on Sunday, Bommai alleged that a minister of the previous Congress government, Puttarangashetty, had accepted a bribe of Rs 25 lakh in Vidhana Soudha. "Did the then chief minister Siddaramaiah resign? If Lokayukta had existed then, the minister would have been arrested. But they weakened the anti-corruption institution to hush up such cases," he alleged.

Congress on Saturday had laid seige to the CM's residence in Bengaluru, protesting against alleged corruption in the government.

"People know who and why they were protesting. The party (Congress) has been doing it to come back to power and hush up their cases. They have been involved in murder, extortion, corruption, and plundering. Around 59 cases of the then Congress government have been referred to the Lokayukta, and the truth will come out," he said.

Asked about seeking Virupakshappa's resignation, he said no decision has been taken.

Calling the unveiling of Shivaji statue again by MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar "ridiculous", he said the statue has been built using government grants, and inaugurated formally. "No one has heard of re-inaugurating after it was formally thrown open for public. This shows their hunger for power," he said. Commenting on the arrest of an absconding accused in the Praveen Nettaru case, the CM said that the government has shared all details with NIA, who have made the arrest.

WELFARE PITCH AS BOMMAI VOWS TO MAKE K'TAKA NO. 1

Tumakuru : Listing out various welfare schemes implemented by the state government over the last three years, CM Basavaraj Bommai promised to make Karnataka number 1 in the country. Speaking at a samavesha of government schemes beneficiaries, he reiterated his budgetary promises of transferring Rs 1,000 every month to the accounts of landless poor women, scheme to make youths skilled, and 2,000 school buses for rural children. He also inaugurated projects worth Rs 900 crore including the new stadium and library under the smart city project, and undertook an oath to eradicate poverty in the state and establish a 'Samriddha Karnataka'. "The amount under various central government schemes are being deposited directly in the accounts of beneficiaries. The central government has given Rs 16,000 crore to around 53.43 lakh farmers under the Kisan Samman Nidhi," he said. Even as Bommai was speaking, people began walking out of the venue, which became an embarrassment for the organisers, who asked the police to close the gates.

CORRUPTION BLOW TO BJP AHEAD OF ELECTIONS

CORRUPTION is back at the centrestage of political discourse in the run-up to the polls, delivering a blow to BJP's attempts to set a narrative around the double-engine governments' development push.

The Lokayukta's action against BJP lawmaker Madal Virupakshappa caused more serious damage to the party's credibility than the combined attack by the Congress and Janata Dal Secular on the corruption issue. The BJP had managed to deflect those allegations by terming them political. But, the vivid images of mounds of cash seized will impact non-partisan voters.

The timing of the Lokayukta action left the ruling party embarrassed and defenceless, though its leaders are trying to sidetrack the core issue by questioning Congress' track record in fighting corruption. That may not cut much ice with voters who are not affiliated with any political party.

Ironically, the raids that ended in the seizure of around Rs 8 crore unaccounted cash from the residence and office of the party MLA's son, who is also a government official, were conducted when the party's central leaders are visiting the state frequently. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who had accused the Opposition of turning the state into their ATM, was in Karnataka when the raids were on and images of stacks of seized currency went viral, leaving the BJP leaders aghast. The MLA, who was named as a prime accused in the case, resigned from the post of chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited, a state government-owned company, while his son was arrested.

The BJP think tank will be working on damage-control measures as the poll dates are likely to be notified in the next few days. The challenge is to act decisively to convey the right message to the electorate, but without giving a handle to the opposition.

The episode provided potent ammunition to Congress to sustain its campaign against the government, especially on the '40% corruption' charges. Congress will try to make the most of it as corruption will be one of the issues in the polls, along with many other important factors, including local equations, local issues, and the candidates.

Politics aside, the developments in the last week showed that the Karnataka Lokayukta can assert itself, provided it is empowered. The decisive action against the MLA, that too in the run-up to the polls, is sure to send a strong message to politicians and officials.

Congress, which is now trying to leverage the Lokayukta action, had defanged the anti-corruption agency. The Congress government headed by Siddaramaiah had constituted the now-abolished Anti-Corruption Bureau by divesting Lokayukta's powers under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The BJP, which had promised to strengthen the Lokayukta, had not done anything till its government was directed to do so by the Karnataka HC. Kudos to the HC and Lokayukta, which is considered a model for other such institutions in the country.

SILVER LINING

On a positive note, for BJP, its Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa is again leading the charge. In July 2021 when teary-eyed Yediyurappa announced his resignation, many in the state, especially his detractors within the party thought it was the end of the road for the veteran leader and the party would usher in a new set of leaders during the 2023 polls.

However, the four-time CM, who was instrumental in building the party in the state proved his critics wrong. The well-crafted body language of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Yediyurappa during the inauguration of the Shivamogga airport sent a message across the BJP cadre. Modi was seen holding Yediyurappa's hand with humility. Days before that, the PM had termed Yediyurappa's speech in the state Assembly as inspiring.

All that indicates that the party is gravitating towards the former CM and wants him to deliver the state. This is also seen as an attempt to retain its support base among the dominant Lingayat community, especially when numerically strong Panchamasalis are on a warpath with the government and BJP over the reservation issue. Yediyurappa may help the party diminish the threat from Panchamasalis that too when Congress is trying to woo Lingayats.

On its part, JDS which started well by announcing the first list of candidates is facing its share of problems. The party is finding it difficult to decide on the Hassan seat. JDS, which faces the allegation of being a family-centric party, is caught in a bind after former minister HD Revanna's wife Bhavani reportedly demanded the party ticket. Former PM HD Deve Gowda's son Revanna is an MLA. Revanna's one son is an MP and another an MLC. Gowda's son HD Kumaraswamy and his wife Anitha are MLAs. Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil, who unsuccessfully contested the 2019 LS polls from Mandya, is likely to contest the 2023 elections. It may be a question of just one seat, but it can either reinforce the charge of being a family-centric party or help send out a message across to its critics.

The regional party may sort out the 'family issue' but the bigger challenge is for BJP to set its house in order as it fights to retain power in Karnataka, which is crucial for its 2024 plans.

K'taka win will set the tone for TS, TN: Annamalai

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TN BJP state chief K Annamalai (3rd from right), former minister KS Eshwarappa and other leaders at the Vijay Sankalpa Yatra in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

CLAIMING that the people of the country have reposed faith in PM Narendra Modi's leadership, Tamil Nadu BJP state president K Annamalai said the BJP victory in Karnataka will set the tone for a BJP win in Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

He said that Karnataka is the gateway to South India for the BJP, which will return to power with an absolute majority. He lashed out at Congress leaders DK Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah for announcing Rs 2,000 per month for women heads of families, if voted to power, and said such false promises could not be kept by TN's DMK-Congress government, which had pledged to give ₹1,000 per month to women. "Will Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar print notes to implement the project, that needs ₹4,000 crore a month?" he said. Speaking at the Vijay Sankalpa Yatra at Maharaja's College Grounds, Annamalai said Congress has lost its sheen in many states, as was seen in the North East states recently. It managed to come to power in Himachal Pradesh by assuring to reintroduce the old pension scheme, which is difficult due to a resource crunch, he added.

Annamalai observed that the Congress politics of catering to its vote bank has been rejected as the BJP government has started to cater to 135 crore people with projects like Jal Mission, Kissan Sanman and Ayushman Bharat. Karnataka, which has more than 1.05 crore houses, had supplied piped drinking water to just 17% of houses, but now, the BJP government has provided 63% of families with water, and will achieve 100% in a year.

Annamalai said the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway will boost investment in the local economy and create jobs.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Stink of scam scares twitterati

After a Lokayukta raid, BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa resigned as chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited, the manufacturer of Mysore Sandal soap. This soap has a royal history and has been manufactured since 1916, when Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, then Maharaja of Mysuru province, set up the Government Soap Factory in Bengaluru. Following the raid, noted director Nagathihalli Chandrashekar tweeted that he feels scared to use the classic soap, which is popular even after 100 years. "Due to corruption, people like me who have faith and respect in the government owned industry and products, are reluctant to use Mysore sandal soap which has been used for a long time," he tweeted. Twitterati concurred -- the scam has scarred the aromatic soap for them.

CM bows to temptation, takes jack home

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bomma, said to be a workaholic, often checked files in the company of Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, which did not go down well with his family members. They warned him to be careful about his health, and according to an insider, his food habits are controlled by his wife Chennamma. On Sunday, during the samavesha in Tumakuru, Bommai saw a jackfruit placed as part of the decorations. The ripe fruit's smell was so tempting that he instructed his personal assistant to pick it up, so that his family members could savour the delicious fruit, which seems to be the first harvest of the season.

Oppn will unite and oust Modi: Kharge

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AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and party state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala during a Congress meeting in Koratagere on Sunday

LAUNCHING an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge indicated on Sunday that the opposition parties will unite against him, and oust him in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"Let all opposition parties join hands against him. He takes credit for works he has not done. The HAL helicopter factory was sanctioned in Tumakuru during the UPA government by the then defence minister AK Antony," he said.

He inaugurated the newly-constructed Rajiv Bhavan named after former PM Rajiv Gandhi. He lashed out at Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for using central agencies selectively against opposition party leaders, and alleged that they were trying to dislodge the ruling governments like they had done in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur. "What were IT and ED doing when crores of rupees was found in a BJP MLA's home?" he said, referring to raids on Chnnagiri MLA Madal Virupakshappa's residence.

Appealing to people to vote for Congress, Kharge said that both central and state governments interfere in subjects like school uniform and dietary habits. "When I asked Modi about his job promises in Parliament, half of my speech was expunged though it did not have any unparliamentary words," he alleged.

Congress state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala and KPCC president DK Shivakumar were also present.

However, CLP leader Siddaramaiah skipped the event. His absence was conspicuous, and trigger speculation of rift between him and former DCM Dr G Parameshwara. In 2013, a similar schism had resulted in the defeat of Parameshwara, who was running for the CM's post.

Siddaramaiah's absence has certainly sent a wrong message though he was in Arasikere attending a pre-scheduled event, admitted a close confidant of the former who attended the Koratagere event.

"Despite Siddaramaiah's absence, the event was a success as Congress party workers in large numbers attended it," said Congress leader Bhanuprakash C.

EXPRESS READ

Congress calls for 2-hour bandh on March 9

Bengaluru: KPCC has called for a state-wide bandh on March 9 from 9-11 am to protest against alleged corruption in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai-led state government. KPCC president DK Shivakumar appealed to vendors and various organisations to make the bandh successful. However, he assured that the bandh will not hit schools and colleges, and no classes or exams will be affected. "We have sought people's attention to take note of how BJP is damaging the state's image because of graft. We will fight against it," he said.

Meet seeks separate religion tag to Lingayats

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AS expected, the first-ever conference by the Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha, which concluded at Basavakalyan (Bidar district) on Sunday, unanimously adopted a resolution demanding the central government to accept the recommendation made by the state government to accord a separate religion status to Lingayats.

More than 20 pontiffs from various mutts and religious and social leaders were present, while senior litterateur Go Ru Channabasappa chaired the two-day meet.

Leaders of all political parties maintained their distance from the conference. In 2018, when Congress leader Siddaramaiah was the chief minister, the state government had sent a recommendation to the central government to accord a separate religion status. But the Centre rejected it. It was one of the major reasons for Congress to suffer a defeat in the 2018 Assembly elections.

Other resolutions adopted at the conference included declaring Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha as the only representative body of the Lingayat community, asking state and central governments to hold Basava Jayanti in all states and pressurising the state government to declare Basaveshwara as the cultural leader of Karnataka. The conference also asked the Centre to name the new Parliament building, which is waiting for inauguration, as 'Anubhava Mantap'.

Dignified life: Housing for labourers in industrial area

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THE state government, probably for the first time in the country, will construct houses/flats for construction labourers, especially migrant labourers, who work in industrial areas across the state. According to the Labour Department, this will help labourers to live a life with dignity and not in thatched houses on the roadside. They can reside there till they work.

The Labour department has already constructed Shramika Niwas, a residential complex at Industrial area in Badanahalli of Doddaballapura taluk, at a cost of Rs 19 crore. According to a release, they have constructed single-bed room for 96 labourers and twin-sharing rooms for 196. They have also constructed 48 houses where a family of four working can reside, which will also have creche facilities.

Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar said labourers from various places from within and outside the state come for work, and stay in huts on the roadside that is also detrimental to their health. "This is why we have come up with Shramika Niwas to give them a hygienic accommodation," he said.

Shramika Niwas in Badanahalli of Doddaballapura taluk

Hebbar said the houses will be constructed by Karnataka building and other construction workers welfare board, and the department will provide power supply and other basic facilities. Those who have the board's identity card can avail this service. This will reduce issues of finding a place to stay for labourers.

Brothers want to take part in five categories each

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AT a family get-together, arranged recently at the house of one of the siblings, the family gathered, wished them luck and handed over the funds.

Bopaiah is a retired Army man, while Belliappa worked at the National Government Factory. The elderly brothers have already left for Sydney. While Bopaiah will take part in the javelin throw, discus throw and shot put, Belliappa will participate in 100 and 200m races and 1,500m walking race.

"While other international players can take part in seven different events, we have been given the option to take part in three each. We will try to convince the authorities to let us participate in at least five categories," explained Belliappa.

The two brothers hope to win at least two medals each and bring laurels to the country.

Belliappa, Machamma and Bopaiah (L to R) from Kodagu have left for Sydney to take part in the championship

Another senior athlete from Kodagu, Machamma (77) from Hudikeri, president of the Karnataka Master Games Association, will represent India in Sydney. After the Australian Championships, the brothers hope to take part in the Master Games Championship in South Korea in May. "We hope to find sponsors," he said.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar participated in a cyclathon to celebrate Women's Day, organised by the Health Department. It was flagged off from Vidhana Soudha. Several children, youth and women participated in the cylathon till Arogya Soudha

THE BATTLE WITH EXAM STRESS

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FOR students preparing to write their final and board examinations, it's the season of stress and unbearable tension.

In the last month alone, several teen deaths have been reported in Karnataka, with a majority of suicides being attributed to exam stress. Dying by suicide is not uncommon, as pressure leads students to take the extreme step, especially around the start of the year, where they have to begin preparing for board examinations. "It's a cycle, and it's common to see children stressed as soon as they enter high school. The pressure put on them is immense, and needs to be addressed," Unicef education specialist Sheshagiri K M Rao told TNIE.

Dr Bhavit Bansal, working as part of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Nimhans) child and psychiatry department, told TNIE that the rising culture of media consumption itself has led to students being more tense than they otherwise would be. This, combined with the constant need to study, increases the likelihood that a child is more stressed.

In the post-pandemic era where technology addiction is being considered a serious disorder, experts have noticed several parents raising concerns over their children's gadget use, and if they are addicted to it. Dr Thomas Kishore, child and adolescent psychologist at Nimhans, said that in a city like Bengaluru, children often do not have the facility for many outdoor activities. "They end up spending leisure time indoors on their gadgets. There is no harm in allowing children to use tech gadgets for some time, if both parents and children are confident they are not being addicted to it," he said.

Dr Kishore suggested that children must set clear goals in their mind and work towards them. It is important for children to continue having a balanced routine involving proper sleep and leisure time. Parents play an important role in determining a balanced routine for a child, while providing them with a healthy and balanced diet. They should not change their routine for the children's exams, as it sets a bad example.

He explained that students tend to panic at the last hour when they are not well prepared. Just a few days before exams is not the right time to gain conceptual clarity on any subject; a child should only revise the syllabus. Lack of preparation is the primary reason why children get stressed during exams.

BIG PICTURE

Sometimes, teachers also play a major role in inducing stress among students during exam time. It is not advisable to compare an individual's performance with a set of students, Dr Kishore asserted. He said a student must only be compared with previous performances and not that of peers. It causes undue insecurity and pressure in a student's mind, which can affect performance during exams.

Besides, teachers are often biased towards children, depending on their choice of subjects. Despite the subject of choice, teachers must appreciate students' good performance. It gives them a sense of pride and motivates them to perform better in general.

A student with low scores should not be treated differently, and instead, be given optimised learning to ensure that scores improve eventually. Experts also opine that for a parent and child to remain stress-free during the crucial exam months, they should start preparations four or five months ahead.

However, expectations continue to skyrocket, with students forced to achieve higher grades due to changing trends. "The expectations of students have increased overall, as they need to achieve more to be able to get into good institutions. Especially with costs increasing, the need to be able to score better for merit-based scholarships is high as well," one parent told TNIE. This, combined with not being exposed to other potential avenues of employment or careers, tend to make a student stressed not only about examinations, but their future as well.

Factors leading to stress

While there are several contributing factors to what could stress a student out prior to examinations, specialist Rao said the main problem was a fundamental issue with the education system. "We're only beginning to understand the changes adolescent children are going through, and it's on both parents and schools who sell these high dreams, where students are pressured from the minute they enter high school. Examinations are often the reason why children drop out, with little to no documentation on where they end up," he said.

The trend of going to coaching centres often leads to more stress for students. "There is an almost an obsession about getting into good institutions. Coaching centres make a business out of training students, with the conditions set for students being incredibly stressful," he said. He cited examples of students being made to wake up at 5am or sleep in cramped quarters, while spending most of the day studying for competitive examinations.

This is seen almost daily, with videos viral on social media of students being singled out or mistreated for not paying attention. "There needs to be a bigger focus on how to deal with a student going through stress. More importance needs to be given to counselling. While there are many private schools which employ counsellors, this isn't the case with government schools. Students need a proper support system where they can talk about what's going on in their minds and how they are feeling in an environment that is non-judgmental," said Rao.

Environmental factors also pose a huge issue for students, be it family circumstances or city planning. Recently, Bengaluru's traffic was a source of stress for students writing the ongoing Central Board of Secondary Examinations (CBSE) papers. A few parents complained that their children missed the exam as they were stuck in traffic and had requested they be allowed to reappear. CBSE issued a notice on March 1, stating, "Any candidate will not be allowed to enter the examination centre after 10am. Students are requested to plan or schedule the conveyance till the centre in advance; the board will not be responsible for any inconvenience caused to the candidate due to late arrival."

EXPERT TIPS TO CUT EXAM STRESS FOR STUDENTS

- Set clear goals, work towards them
- Ensure balanced routine, including adequate time for sleep, leisure activities
- Ensure adequate preparation to lessen last-minute stress and panic
- Make proper timetable to account for study time, ample revision time prior to exams
- Do not neglect other duties and routines
- Preparation can ensure stress levels are low during exams
- Ensure a calm and stable environment to study

FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

- Every child is different, do not compare performances and routines to peers or contribute towards insecurities
- Do not be biased towards child based on their goals
- Be open-minded towards the child
- Ensure children have a good support system and can speak on their issues in a non-judgmental environment
- Do not push them towards achieving your own goals
- Ensure their mental state is stable before pushing them towards academic excellence
- Make sure they are able to prepare for examinations in a calm environment, where they are less likely to panic

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

PFI had formed hit squads: Central agency

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NETTARU -- BJP's Yuva Morcha leader -- was murdered allegedly by PFI members on July 26 last year in Bellare village in Dakshina Kannada district in full public view. Initially, the Bellare police registered an FIR and were investigating the case, but later the state government handed over the case to NIA.

The Central counter terrorism agency had stated in the chargesheet that the PFI, to further its agenda of establishing Islamic rule by 2047, had formed secret teams called 'Service Teams or Killer Squads' to carry out killings of its 'perceived enemies' and targets. "These Service Team members were given arms as well attack training, and training in surveillance techniques in order to identify, list out and to mount surveillance on leaders belonging to certain communities and groups. These Service Team members were further trained to kill identified targets, on the instructions of senior PFI leaders," NIA had stated.

The chargesheet had further stated that PFI leaders and members had held meetings in Bengaluru, Sullia town and Bellare village to avenge the murder of Kalanja Masood.

The head of District Service Team, Mustafa Paichar was instructed to recce, identify and target a prominent member of a particular community. The PFI members, as per instructions, recced and identified four persons and among them was Nettaru, the NIA stated.

Kalanja Masood, a 19-year-old boy, was fatally attacked by a gang of eight members on the night of July 19, 2022 in Vishnunagara of Kalanja village. He was a resident of Mogral Puthur in Kasargod. He was shifted to a hospital in Mangaluru, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The accused are: Mahammed Shiyab, Abdul Basheer, Riyaz, Mustafa Paichar, Masud KA, Kodaje Mohammed Sherif, Abubakkar Siddik, Noufal M, Ismail Shafi K, K Mahammad Iqbal, Shaheed M, Mahammad Shafeek G, Ummar Farook MR, Abdul Kabeer CA, Muhammad Ibrahim Sha, Sainul Abid Y, Shekh Saddam Hussain, Zakiar A, N Abdul Haris and Thufail MH. They have been chargesheeted under Sections 120B, 153A, 302 and 34 of the IPC for criminal conspiracy, promoting enmity between different groups, murder, acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention, Sections 16, 18 and 20 of the UAPA, 1967, and Section 25(1)(a) of the Arms Act.

CRIME PATROL

51 seized bikes gutted near police station

Bengaluru: As many as 51 seized bikes that were parked near Kodigehalli police station were gutted in fire on Sunday. Police said over 100 vehicles seized in various cases were parked on vacant land near the police station, and a fire broke out and spread to the vehicles, gutting 51 two-wheelers before fire tenders were pressed into service to douse the fire. The reason for the fire is yet to be known. Additional Commissioner of Police (East) M Chandrasekhar visited the spot and ordered a detailed enquiry. It is, however, alleged that some of the bikes were parked there for more than 20 years and the negligence of the police in disposing of them is blamed for the incident.

Moral policing? Grp stopped at pub entrance

Bengaluru: In an alleged incident of moral policing, a group of people tried to enter a pub on Brigade Road, which led to a fight between them and the pub staff on Saturday night. Police said some individuals, who identified themselves as members of 'Karnataka Karmikara Parishad', gathered in front of Nartaki pub, beating drums, and tried to enter the premises. When the bouncers stopped them, a heated argument ensued between them, which led to fisticuffs. A large crowd gathered at the spot. Police rushed to the spot and contained the situation. The persons involved were brought to the police station. Complaints and counter-complaints have been received. We are investigating to know why the group tried to enter the pub," the Ashoknagar police said.

2 senior citizens die as car rams tree

Bengaluru: Two senior citizens were killed and two others were injured after the car in which they were travelling, rammed a tree in HSR Layout in the early hours of Sunday. The deceased are Krishnamurthy (65), a resident of Chikkalasandra, and Prakash Hebbar (60) of Basavanagudi. Their friends Venkatesh and Sameer are injured and their condition is said to be out of danger. Police said the friends had gone to Tirupati and were returning home when the car rammed a tree on HSR Layout 14th Main after Venkatesh, who was behind the wheel, lost control of the vehicle. Krishnamurthy died on the spot while Hebbar died on the way to hospital. Rash and negligent driving is blamed for the mishap. A case was registered at HSR Layout traffic police station.

In debt, man stabs himself to death

Bengaluru: Financial distress and inability to repay debts drove a 45-year-old man to end his life by stabbing himself multiple times in Thalaghattapura police station limits. Prabhakar Gupta, who moved to the city from Uttar Pradesh several years ago, was living in Vajarahalli, and running a provision store there for more than 10 years. Police said Gupta had suffered losses in his business and raised loans, but was unable to repay them. On February 23, he stabbed himself in his abdomen, hands and legs, and also slit his throat, when his wife, a cook, had gone to work. The incident came to light when she returned home and rushed him to hospital, where he succumbed on Saturday night.

BJP MLA may face DA case

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WHILE BJP MLA from Channagiri Assembly constituency K Madal Virupakshappa is absconding after his son Prashanth was arrested for accepting a bribe, the Lokayukta police are likely to register a disproportionate assets (DA) case against the MLA.

The Lokayukta police, who searched the residence of Prashanth in Bengaluru and the MLA's house in Davanagere, had found cash of over Rs 8 crore, besides gold jewellery and documents related to several properties, estimated to be worth several more crores. "As the value of the seized property is disproportionate to the known sources of income declared by the MLA, it is being contemplated to register a suo motu DA case against him," an official said.

Meanwhile, seven teams have been formed to trace the MLA who has gone absconding since Friday, after tendering his resignation to the post of chairman, Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Ltd. The police teams are on the hunt for him and have visited several places in the state. The Lokayukta police have also summoned the MLA's son Mallikarjun Madal as the bank account of a company, to which he is a partner, revealed that lakhs of rupees were credited to the account early last week.

FACING FIRE

Defence Fire Service personnel douse the fire at Brahmapuram waste plant which has been raging for the last few days, in Kochi on Sunday | A SANESH

Thief demands ₹1k to return mobile, caught

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A habitual offender on board the Mangaluru-SMVT Bengaluru Express, who stole a mobile phone, made a bizarre ransom call to the mobile owner, demanding Rs 1,000 through PhonePe, and got caught red-handed. GRP retrieved the phone **(in pic)** and four other mobiles, besides two stolen vehicles from him.

The theft occurred on the train on March 3, and the GRP arrested N Manoj (22) in Halasuru the next day. The accused was booked under IPC Section 379 (theft).

R Shashank, a first-year BBA student at Moodbidri, told TNIE, "I was going towards Bengaluru on Friday morning. I had kept my phone close to me while sleeping, and even checked it at 3.30am, when the train reached Mysuru. However, when we reached Channapatna around 5am, my phone was missing. It cost me around ₹6,000. I contacted the GRP."

A senior GRP cop said Shashank called his number repeatedly to reach the person who had taken it. Manoj picked up the call once, and agreed to return the phone if Shashank transferred ₹1,000 on PhonePe. The student alerted the cops about it.

"Police tracked the PhonePe number to the owner of a mobile shop in Halasuru. They asked him to keep the individual engaged when he came over to collect the money, and alert them. The shopkeeper did as advised and Manoj was caught by cops who rushed to the spot," he said.

Muslim couple remarry to ensure daughters get full property share

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THEY could not have chosen a more appropriate date. C Shukkur, a prominent lawyer from Kanhangad, and his wife Dr Sheena, former pro vice-chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, will remarry on March 8 -- International Women's Day -- to ensure that their daughters get their entire property. For this, the couple, who got married under Sharia law on October 6, 1994, have now chosen the Special Marriage Act.

"We are constrained to take this step to ensure that our three girl children get our property," Shukkur told TNIE. According to the Muslim Personal Law prevailing in the country, daughters will get only two-thirds of the share of a father's property, with the rest going to his brothers, he said.

"The inheritance certificate issued by the tehsildar has the names of my brothers as legal heirs. This happens only because we have no male progeny. This is blatant violation of women's rights and naked discrimination," Shukkur said.

"As per Section 14 of the Constitution, all have equal rights irrespective of religion, caste or gender. It is highly regrettable that this right is denied to the daughters of a practising Muslim," he said.

"I have met with accidents twice, from which I had narrow escapes. This had me thinking about what would happen after I left the world. I want my girl children to be the sole heirs of my property," he said.

C Shukkur and his wife Dr Sheena

Shukkur says that according to the Principles of Muhammadan Law written by D H Mulla, which is the basis of court orders on Muslim inheritance, girl children will get two-thirds of the father's property while his brothers will get the remaining portion.

He believes the only solution for Muslims to overcome this is to opt for the Special Marriage Act passed by Parliament in 1954. "Our marriage was solemnised by the late Panakkad Syed Hyder Ali Shihab Thangal at Naseema Manzil in Cheruvathur in 1994. We will perform the marriage again at the Hosdurg sub-registrar office on March 8 in the presence of family members and friends," he said.

Shukkur said he had given 30 days' notice, which is mandatory for marriages under the Special Marriage Act, on February 3.

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	Description of the immovable property - Vacant Land:- Property bearing House list No.1, VP Khata No 53/3 & 53/4 A situated at Chikkalasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560056 and bounded by : **East by :** Site No 2, **West by** : Private Property, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Private property.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **http://www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 05.03.2023

Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is, intended to purchase the schedule property from Sri. H. Anantha Murthy, S/o. late H.D. Hanumantharayapp Kum. Lahari Ananth, Sri Pawan Ananth, Master Chirag Ananth, All are children's of Sri. H. Anantha Murthy, all are Residing at : No.13, 26th Cross, Kilari Road, Opp. Road to C.B.School, Chickpet Bangalore-53

If any body has got any charge, lien, interest, or any type of objections, in respect of title of the schedule property they should come forth with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event of no such claim, taking as no such claim, my client shall proceed with the said transaction.

SCHEDULE : Commercial Shop property beg. Municipal No.1/1, and No 1/2 PID No.28-232-1/1, Old No.3/339 there after No.339/2, O.T.C.Road, 4th cross, BBMP, Ward No.28 of Chickpet, Bangalore Measuring East to West : 25 feet, North to South : 20 feet, Total : 500 sq.ft. Being bounded with: **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Chickpet 4th cross Road, **North by :** Property No.1/3, **South by :** Property No.1/2

K.N.Harish Babu, Advocate,
No.436, 15th Main Road,
Muneshwara Block, Bangalore -26.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions of my clients Sri. Shivakumar, S/o Late Munibasappa, Smt. Nagarathnamma, W/o Shivakumar, Smt. Swathi, D/o Shivakumar, Smt. Jyothi, D/o Shivakumar and Sri. Harsha S/o Shivakumar, all are residing at Prasannahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, I issue this Public Notice:-

1. My clients are owners of schedule property. By a GPA executed at Devanahalli and registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, vide Document No. DNHD 127, Book 4, Dated 19.04.2007, my clients had appointed M/s Aryavartha Builders and Developers, a Partnership Firm, at No. 628/2, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 11th Cross, Indranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560038, in respect of suit property.
2. Now by revocation of GPA vide registered Document No. HSK.-4-00806-2022-23, stored in CD No. HSKD 1794 dated 28.02.2023 in the office of Sub Registrar, Hosakote, and revoked GPA.
3. Henceforth publics are hereby warned not to deal with above said M/s Aryavartha Builders and Developers, in respect of suit property. If any publics ventured to deal with above said firm, they will not get any kind of right nor interest over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Sy.No.9 measuring to an extent of 34 Guntas situated at Prasannahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,

East by : Sri Jagadeesh's Property,
West by : Sri Muniyappa's property,
North by : Sri Shankarappa's property,
South by : Sri Kariyappa's property.

H.B. Raju, BA, LLB, Advocate
No.96, 2nd Floor, East Park Rd, 9th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY AT BENGALURU

MC No. 6777 / 2022

BETWEEN : Nikhil Meti, Aged about 33 years, Son of Lakkappa Meti, Residing at FD.03 HAL Senior Officers Enclave, Old Madras Road, CV Raman Nagar Also at No. N5, MMRK Nest, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi Bengaluru, Karnataka. **...PETITIONER**

AND : Rumena Bose, Aged about 32 years, Wife of Nikhil Meti, Residing at BMP6/4, 4th A Main Road, Bayarappa Layout, Suddaguntapalya, CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560039. **...RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

Rumena Bose, Aged about 32 years, Wife of Nikhil Meti, Residing at BMP6/4, 4th A Main Road, Bayarappa Layout, Suddaguntapalya, CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560039.

WHEREAS, the above named Petitioner has instituted the above Matrimonial Case against the Respondent seeking for a decree of divorce and consequential reliefs. The above suit is posted to **27/03/2023 at 11.00 AM.**

Take notice to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the above mentioned date i.e., **27/03/2023 at 11.00 AM,** either personally or through counsel to answer the claim. If you fail to answer, the above suit will be decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 03/03/2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE 18TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH.No.10)

O.S. No. 8360/2018

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK, JALAHALLI BRANCH, Bengaluru-560 013. Represented by its Manager SRI. NAGENDRA KUMAR .B.A ... **Plaintiff**

AND: Abhishek Tours and Travels and another .. **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS

1. M/S.ABHISHEK TOURS AND TRAVELS, No.14, Krupa Complex, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli Post, Bangalore - 560 013. Represented by its Proprietor SRI.RAMESH KUMAR.R.

2. RAMESH KUMAR.R S/o Rajagopal, No.14, Krupa Complex, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli Post, Bangalore - 560 013.

WHEREAS, the plaintiff herein has instituted suit for the relief of Recovery of money for **Rs. 2,22,746/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six Only)** together with future interest on the at **11.25% per annum** and other reliefs against the defendants in **O.S.No.8360/2018.** You are here by summoned to appear before the City Civil Court Hall, Bengaluru **(CCH.No.10)** in person or by a pleader on **28-03-2023** at 11 o' clock, to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you are intended to rely in support of your defense.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on that day mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 13-02-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

T. SIDDARAJAPPA, Advcoate
No. 1252/1, 12th Cross, Opp. S.B.I. Bank, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. KRISHNAN NAMBOOTHIRI PERKULAM NARAYANAN,** S/o Narayanan Namboothri is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri.PURUSHOTHAM .Y** for a valid sale consideration. If any persons having any claims, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing, within SEVEN days from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title or interest by anybody and my client will proceed with the completion of sale transaction and will get register the absolute sale deed of the schedule property in his name.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Flat No.TF-2 (2 BHK), BBMP Khatha No. 2496/38/58/1/40/423/38, in Third Floor, East facing in the building known as 'Sumukha Grand' with built up area of 1100 square feet, with one covered car parking space, along with 295 square feet of undivided share in the land of the property bearing No.38, formed in converted Sy. No.1, situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and the entire apartment bounded on East by : Site No.39, West by : Site No.37, North by: Retained Property, South by: Road.

V.N.SIMHA, Advocate,
No. 38/15, WAT Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004. Ph: 9845549487
Bangalore 04-02-2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0820–257433, ಇಮ್ಮೈಲ್: dudc_udupi@yahoo.co.in

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ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಾರಿ ದೀಪಗಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್.ಇ.ಡಿ ದೀಪಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ Work Indent ನಂಬರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು (Bid Document) ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮೂಲಕವೇ (www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್, ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಅವಶ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ Addendum ನ್ನು ಇ– ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಲಕವೇ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

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01	ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ	DC/UDP/21016/36/2022-23	ರೂ. 24,25,00,000.00	ರೂ. 24,25,000.00

ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಉಡುಪಿ

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Palajoganahalli Branch
220, Lakshmi Narasimha Nilaya, Palanjogihalli, Bengaluru-Hindupur Road, Dist-Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka 561203
Mob: 9495272230 E-Mail:cb3826@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.12.2022** calling upon the borrowers **Sri Mohammed Wajid** (Guarantor & Mortgager)t o repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs. 39,43,494.36** (Rupees Thirty Nine lakhs Forty three thousand four hundred and ninty four and Thirty six paisa only), within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **2nd Day of March 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank, Palanjogihalli Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 39,43,494.36** (Rupees Thirty Nine lakhs Forty three thousand four hundred and ninty four and Thirty six paisa only), as on **05.12.2022** plus interest and other expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

EMT of Land & Building in the Name of **Sri MOHAMMED WAJID (Co Borrower) S/O Late MOHAMMED USMAN at** Old khatha No.1953/1161/1058/4576, New Muncipal Sl No.1953, Property No.1161/1058/4576, situated at 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Measuring East to West 13 feet and North to South 25 feet approx. 325 sqft. BOUNDARIES: EAST: Property of Masthan Sab, WEST:Property of Gafur Sab, NORTH: Road, SOUTH: Property of Mylarappa

Date: 02.03.2023
Place: Palajoganahalli

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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No. GUG/ADM/Gen-3/2022-23/2951 Date : 03-03-2023

NOTIFICATION

Sub : 41st Annual Convocation to be held in April/May, 2023.
Ref : Vice-Chancellor's approval dated 02-03-2023

Applications are hereby invited for the 41st Annual Convocation of the University which will be held tentatively during April/May, 2023. University graduates those who have completed their respective degrees in the Academic year 2021-22, In-Person or In-Absentia. In order to get the degree certificate, such students should apply for convocation in ONLINE mode only by visiting University Website **www.gug.ac.in** and clicking "Apply for Convocation". The prescribed fee has to be paid through online mode only.

The students who wish to apply for convocation degree certificate may visit University Website : www.gug.ac.in for knowing last date to apply, prescribed fee, instructions to candidates and other details.

Sd/- Registrar
Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1424/MC&A/2022-23

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

RFx NOTICE

RFx No.	Name of Work (Short Description)	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of Downloading (Online)	Date of Submission of RFx Documents (Online)	Date of Opening of RFx (If Possible)	Tender Fee Incl. GST (in Rs.)
7000026472	Overall project management, engineering, manufacture, factory testing, supply of all items, transportation, delivery to the sites, unloading, storing, handling, and moving into final position, installation, testing, commissioning and placing into successful operation of the Malegaon Electrode Station (400 m X 400 m) of Padghe end for ±500kV HVDC Chandrapur Padghe HVDC Bipole link.	58,82,83,000/- (Including taxes)	58,82,830/-	05.03.2023 from 10:00 Hrs	05.03.2023 to 04.04.2023 up to 10:00 Hrs	04.04.2023 at 11:00 Hrs	29,500/-

For further details, visit our website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**
Contact Person: The Superintending Engineer, 500kV RS (O&M) Circle, Padgha, Dist.- Thane, Maharashtra-421101.
e-mail ID: **ee7330@mahatransco.in** Mob No. 9619985377

1. Relevant portions of the RFx which the tenderers have to fill online would be available on aforesaid website.
2. RFx Fee & EMD should be paid before **04.04.2023 up to 10:00 Hrs** for **RFx No. 7000026472** online only and Scan copy of Transaction ID received after online payment should be submitted along with Technical Bid.
3. RFx documents can be downloaded online from aforesaid website.
4. Eligible contractor agencies should submit their bid well in advance instead of waiting till last date. MSETCLwill not be responsible for non-submission of Bid due to any website related problems.
5. In case of non-submission of RFx Fee & EMD, the bidders will be disqualified.
6. All the bidders are requested to refer MSETCL web portal from time to time for the amendments/extensions etc. related to this tender.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
HVDC RS (O&M) Circle, Padghe

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)

No: EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/Hebbal/TND/LIS/PB-4/2022-23/1672 Date: 03.03.2023.

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement system only)

Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from eligible bidders /contractors, for the works detailed below (as per KTPP Act 2000), on The intending bidders can submit tenders / bids as an individual / Tie up, to be formed prior to the bidding only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka website, https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in under Two Covers.(Technical and Financial) The detailed/blank tender document can be viewed / downloaded from the date & time of publication of tender in e-procurement portal. Stipulated time for submission of tenders/bids, for the works noted herein under, is as per KTPP Rules, Chapter-V, Rule-17, sub rule (2). Name of work: **"Survey, Investigation, Design, supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Lift Irrigation System for "Lift project to supplement Bennethora Reservoir by lifting water from Kagina River to balance the irrigation utilisation, created by water supply of 1.624 TMC to Kalaburagi city."on turn key basis consisting of the following components: Survey, Design & Planning of Overall project , Construction of Intake canal, Jackwell cum pump house, Vertical Turbine pumps coupled to HT motors electrical panel, soft starter, capacitor, 110 Kv power transformers, 110/6.6 KV sub-station, 110 KV power line and 110 KV Terminal bay, Supply of spares parts and tools including operation and maintenance for five years after successful commissioning of the entire system on turn-key basis." (PHASE-I) (INDENT No-35857)**

The calendar of events will be as per the schedule in the e-procurement portal. 1) Indent No : **35857,** 2) Price of bidding document : As per E-portal, 3) Date of commencement of Sale of bidding document,: dt: **06.03.2023 AT 11.30 AM** 4) Pre bid meeting: **dt : 10.03.2023 AT 11:30am,** 5) Last date and time for Submission of bids : **dt: 14.03.2023 AT 5.00 PM** 6) Time and date of Opening of Technical Bid : dt: **15.03.2023 AT 5.30pm**

Corrigendum, addendum, etc to the tendered work and any change in, Amount Put to Tender (APT), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and conditions, etc for the above works, will be notified in e-procurement platform and the details of the same can be had from this office.

Further any information / queries / clarifications can be had from the under signed through email: eeknnlhebbal@gmail.com & from helpline Nos of e-portal https:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in during office hours, before date & time allowed / notified.

Note: Any change / extensions etc., in the tender schedule (calendar of events) will not be published / advertised through news papers, changes will be updated on/in e-procurement portal only.

Executive Engineer,
KNNL., BNT Project Divn, No.4 Hebbal.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1420/MC&A/2022-23

CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
REGISTERED OFFICE: "Block no. A/1003, West Gate, Near YMCA Club, Sur No. 835/1+3, S. G. Highway, Makarba, Ahmedabad-380051 Gujarat"
CORPORATE OFFICE: 1STFLOOR, WAKEFIELD HOUSE, SPROTT ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI-400038
EMAIL: eswarappa.s@cfmarc.in tejas.joshi@cfmarc.in
CONTACT: 7406666657

CFM THINK TRUST

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

APPENDIX - IV-A **[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd (acting in its capacity as a Trustee of CFMARC Trust -4 IndusInd Bank), the Secured Creditor, will be sold through public auction on "As and where is basis", "as is what is basis", whatever is there is basis" and "No recourse Basis" on **11th April,2023** for recovery of Rs.) as on Rs. 2,57,41,704.57/-(Rupees Two Crore Fifty-Seven Lakhs Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Four and Paise Fifty-seven only) as on 20.11.2019 together with further future interest, cost & expenses together with further future interest, cost & expenses due to the Secured Creditor from M/S. Starz Corp Through Its Partners (Borrower), Mr. Sunil V Golani (Co Borrower) and Mrs. Renu Sunil Golani (Co-Borrower)

The reserve price of the properties and the earnest money deposit is given below: -

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY:	All that piece or parcel of land being the property bearing No.15 (Old No.8), St. John's Road, Bangalore and admeasuring 22,316 Sq.Ft. or 2074 Sq.mts or thereabouts shown on the plan annexed hereto as annexure '1' and bounded on the East By: Chinmaya Vidyalaya School, On the West By: St. John's Road, North By: Osborne Road, South By:St. John's Road Cross. Apartment No.703, having a saleable area of 2585 Sq.Ft., (i.e. 240.15 Sq.Mts.) on the Seventh Floor, together with exclusive right of use of terrace area admeasuring 920 Sq.Ft., adjacent to the said apartment, and also together with exclusive right of use of Car Parking Space bearing Nos.NIL, in the Basement/ground floor of the Building viz., 'RAHEJA ARBOR', constructed on the schedule 'A' Property above referred to, together with a proportionate 5.56%(1240.77.46 Sq.Ft. i.e. 115.31 Sq. Mts.) Undivided share right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' Property above referred to.
SECURED DEBT	Rs. 2,57,41,704.57/-(Rupees Two Crore Fifty-Seven Lakhs Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Four and Paise Fifty-seven only) as on 20.11.2019 together with further future interest, cost & expenses
RESERVE PRICE (RP)	**Rs.2,46,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty-Six Lakhs Only)**
INSPECTION DATE: INSPECTION TIME:	**On 24th March,2023** From 11:00 Am to 1:00 Pm
TIME: DATE: PLACE: For E-AUCTION	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://www.bankeauctions.com) on **11th April,2023** from 11.00 am to 12:00 pm.
LAST DATE AND TIME FOR BID SUBMISSION:	On or before 5:00 pm on **10th April,2023**
EMD:	**Rs.24,60,000/- (Twenty-Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)**
CONTACT:	**Mr. S. ESWARAPPA(7406666657) Mr. Tejas Joshi (8976862751)**

Encumbrances if any: Not known to the secured creditor

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e., https://www.cfmarc.in for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://www.bankeauctions.com or contact service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited. Bidder Support Nos.: 0124-4302020/ 21 / 22, +91 7291981124/ 1125 / 1126; email: support@bankeauctions.com, Mr. Hareesh Gowda, Contact No. +91 95945 97555

This notice of 30 days is being given to all of you in compliance of Rule 8, Sub Rule 6 of SARFAESI Rules Under the SARFAESI Act 2002, informing the Borrower and all the Guarantors/Mortgagors about holding of auction/sale of the aforementioned Secured Properties at the aforementioned date and time, with the advice to redeem the assets. If so desired by them, by paying the outstanding dues as mentioned herein above along with further interest and other costs thereon due and payable prior to the scheduled auction. In case of default in payment, any or all of the Secured Properties shall at the discretion of the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor be sold through any of the modes as prescribed under Rule 8(5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
Acting as trustee of CFMARC Trust -4 IndusInd Bank

Date:04/03/2023
Place: BENGALURU

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Core 4A, East Court, 1st Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. Phone: 011-24682206-15; Fax: 011-24682202 & 05

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES (see proviso to rule 6(2) and 8(6))

E- auction sale notice under Swiss challenge based on existing offer in hand for sale of movable assets under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 read with provisions to Rule 6(2) and 8(6) of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property hypothecated/charged to the secured creditor / IREDA, possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of IREDA will be sold on as is where is as is what is and whatever there is basis for recovery of below mentioned account.

The details of borrower/guarantor/secured asset /Dues/ reserve Price / e-auction date time, EMD and bid process details are mentioned below:

Date and time of start and end of E auction is 22.03.2023 from 1100 hrs till closure of bidding and additional 1 hour for Swiss challenge if H1 bid is within 20% of reserve price.

Inspection date and time of following asset is Rajesh Kujur, date 13.03.2023, time 1100hrs to 1500hrs, Phone No. 9958952599

Description and all the particulars of the property to be sold	Reserve Price	EMD
The whole of the movable properties of **M/s. Koganti Power Limited** wherever situated pertaining to 6.00 MW Biomass based Power Project at Village Yapalaparivi, Sindhanur Taluka, Raichur District in the State of Karnataka. For complete description of the properties, terms, please refer notice available on IREDA website https://www.ireda.in/whatsnew &AUCTION TIGER https://eauction.auctiontiger.net	**Rs. 1,00,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Only)	**Rs. 10,00,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)
Last date of Bid Receipt- 20.03.2023 by 1700 hrs	**Known Encumbrances to IREDA-NIL**	
The interested buyer/purchaser can conduct due diligence of these assets with immediate effect.		

Terms and conditions:

The Property shall not be sold below the reserve price.

The Auth Officer/ IREDA has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale or add/delete/change any of the terms & conditions of this sale at any time without prior notice to the owner/bidder public etc and without assigning any reason.

For full and detail Terms and conditions of the auction, refer the details available at www. Ireda.in/https://www.ireda.in/whatsnew and https://eauction.auctiontiger.net

Statutory 30/15 days sale notice under SARFAESI Act to the Borrower / guarrantors/ mortgagor

In the event of any discrepancy between English version and any other language version of this auction notice, the English version shall prevail

Date : 06.03.2023
Place : Delhi

Mr. Rajesh Kujur
Authorized Officer
Mobile: 9958952599

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINACNE LTD)
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002.
 # 044-42995000, 044-42995050

SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 12-04-2023 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from	Description of the Immovable Property
1. Mohammed Aneesarafath Khan, S/o. Mohammed Amiad Ali Khan, 2. Tabassum. N, W/o. Mohammed Aneesarafath Khan, Both Are Residing At Old No. 17, New No. 22, 18th Crossbyrappa Layout,near Rashidiya Masjidgovindapura, Bangalore Karnataka - 560045, Loan Account No.- EMFCNTBN0009015, Claim Amount Due Rs.2759340/- as on 04-06-2021 with further interest from 05-06-2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.3518868/- as on 01.03.2023).	All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.45, Property No. 501/45, Katha No.436, Converted Sy.No.252/1, Vide Conversion order No. ALN SR.62/87-88, Dt:4/5/1988, Situated at Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayathi, Jigan Hobli, Anekal Tq and Bangalore.And bounded on the: North by: Site No.46, South by: Road, East by: Site No.44, West by: Mr. C.Nagaraj Land, Measurement: East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft, Total extent 1200 Sqft, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Basavanagudi (Jigani) and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.3660000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.366000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Only)**
1. Mr. Manjunatha Singh, S/o. Kanaka Singh, 2. Mrs. Sujathabai, W/o. Chandraci P, Both are residing at No.66,Raysingh Layout, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural Karnataka - 562114, Loan Account No.- SEKRPRM0192558, Claim Amount Due Rs.1103581/- as on 09-08-2019 with further interest from 10-08-2019 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.2343808/- as on 01.03.2023).	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Khata No.370/1 situated at Raysingh Layout, Hosakote town, Bangalore Rural District, North by : Private property South by : Private property, East by : 15 feet Road, G.K.B.M.S School Compound, West by : Kodandappa's property, Measurement : East to West 30 feet North to South 20 feet total measuring 600 Sq.ft., Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Hosakote and Registration District of Bangalore Rural, together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.5610000/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.561000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Only)**
1.Mr. Ramanji, S/o. Doddanna, 2.Mrs. Rajani, W/o. Ramanji D, Both are residing at No 521 4Th Cross, Kodigehalli Amurthahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560092. Loan Account No.- EMFMAKLI0008417 Claim Amount Due Rs.1766477/- as on 20-07-2019 with further interest from 21-07-2019 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.2864748/- as on 01.03.2023).	All the Peace and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site no. 15, New.No.15, Site.no. 221, Katha. No. 221/221, Formed out of property.No.81, Assessment. No. 203 (221/221), Situated at thindlu village, yelahanka hobli, Bangalore north taluk, now Comes under B.B.M.P limits, Bangalore, measuring East to West 22 Feet, Northh to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft North by : House belongs to Sri.Gangappa, South by : House belongs to Sri. Narayanaswamy, East by : Road, West by : Road, Measurement : measuring East to West 22 Feet, North to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Heballa and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.4717000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.471700/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Only)**
1.SHIVANNA. M, S/O. MALLANNA MARANNA, 2.BHARATHI. S, W/O. SHIVANNA, Both are res11TH, WARD KAREANAHALLINEAR GOAPALAPPA QUATRESDODA,BALLAPUR,KARNATAKA561203. Loan Account No.- ELPYLHNK0018717, Claim Amount Due Rs.1293458/- as on 04-06-2021 with further interest from 05-06-2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.1880614/- as on 01.03.2023).	All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property Bearing No. 62, Declaration No. 222, Old Katha No. 980/222/62, New Katha Sl No. 980, Situated at Karenahalli Village, Aralumallige Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and Bangalore Rural Dist.And bounded on the: North by: Property of Mr. Chalapathi, South by: Private Property, East by: Road, West by: Property of Mr. Policeappa, Measurement: East to West 40 ft, North to South 15 ft, Total Extent of 600 Sq.ft, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Doddaballapura and Registration District of Bangalore Rural together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.1785000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.178500/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only)**

Date of Auction: 12-04-2023
For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com & https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date : 06-03-2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer-
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

THE MYSORE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

ISO 9001 COMPANY

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

P.B. No. 2221, Tumakuru Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560 022.
Ph: 23376851(6 lines) 23376641 (4 lines) Fax: 23371811
e-Mail: **mei.matls9@gmail.com** Visit us at **www.mei.karnataka.gov.in**
Ref:MEIL/DM(Procurement)/2022-23/143-128 to 143-177 Date: 03.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

Supply of Electrical, Fabricated, Insulated, Chemicals, and Raw Materials

Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **06.03.2023. (2)** Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bids (Cover I & II): **20.03.2023. (3)** Opening of Technical bids: **22.03.2023. (4)** Opening of Financial bids: **23.03.2023.**

Sd/- Deputy Manager (Procurement)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F- 137/2022-23/14192 Dated : 03.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/EPR-55/Call-2 Dated : 03.03.2023** for Design, Manufacturing, Testing and Supply and Commissioning of 2 Nos of 110 Volts, 100AH Battery Sets for replacement of existing age old battery sets at 66/11kV Kadugodi & Kachamarnahalli Stations coming under BMAZ South Circle.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement - KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.03.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele)
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-09

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Kabini Reservoir Division, Kabini Colony,
H.D Kote Taluk, Mysore District

Tender notification No: 18/ 2022-23 Dated: 04-03-2023
(Through e-procurement portal,two cover system)

On behalf of **Managing director , CNNL , Bangalore ,Executive Engineer Kabini Reservoir Division Kabini colony , H.D Kote Taluk, Mysore District KARNATAKA** now invites online Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works. Estimate cost **Rs.259.03 lakhs and 219.07** Lakhs. **EMD Amount Rs.3.89 Lakhs andE.M.D 3.29 Lakhs.** Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document in e-portel or at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III–Evaluation and Qualification Criteriato qualify for the award of the contract. Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications is **09.03.2023 up to 16:00hrs,** Date,&time of Pre bid meeting is on **08.03.2023 at 12:00 hrs, Last** date and time for receipt of completed tender **13.03.2023 up to 16:00 hrs.** Date and time of opening of technical bid **14.03.2023 at 16:30 hrs and the** Date and time of opening financial bid will be after the approval of technical bids. Further Interested bidders can avail the information regarding EMD and Tender processing fee from the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for more details

Sd/-Executive Engineer

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kolar Division, Kolar-563101

e-mail : eepwdkolar07@gmail.com, website: www.kpwd.gov.in
e-portal : http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Phone No. 08152-222022, Fax No.: 08152-227443

e-Tender Notification-K.W.4
Short term Re- Tender Notification No.56/2022-23 Dt: 28.02.2023

Tender Notification No.49/2022-23 Dt: 06.02.2023

Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the road works in the limits of Sriniavasapura Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the Registered Contractors under **H/A: 5054-SH improvements.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 407.98 Lakhs.** EMD Amount: **Rs. 6.12 Lakhs.** Period for completion of work: **11 months.** Contractors may download the tender documents KW-4 from Karnataka State e-Procurement portal**(viz.,http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before: **4.00 p.m. on 16.03.2023** through Karnataka State e-Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened after: **4.30 p.m. on 17.03.2023** in e-Procurement. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact e-Procurement portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.

Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in e-portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolar Division, Kolar.
DIPR/Kolar/R.O.No.538/MC&A/2022-23.

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Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department

Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Chickaballapur Division, Chickballapur, Ph: 08156-270058
Mail ID: eerdwsd.ckb2@gmail.com

No.: EE:RDW&SD:CBP:AE-2:2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023

Tender Notification No.: 56/2022-23, Date: 27.02.2023
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Chickaballapur, On behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work of Providing FHTC "S to 76 Villages in Chinthamani Taluk, Chickballapur District. One & Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit (Under KW-II, KW-III & KW-IV) tenders through e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (1)** Last date & time for receipt of bids: **07.03.2023 at 5.00 P.M. (2)** Date & time of technical bid opening: **09.03.2023 at 11.00 A.M. (6)** Date & time of financial bid opening: **13.03.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through **https:/ /eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
R.D.W&S.D, Chickballapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Shri. Venkataramanegowda is the absolute owner of immovable property bearing survey No.100 measuring 5 acres and in survey No.98 measuring 5 acres both properties are situated at Yadehalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. The said properties more fully describe in the schedule hereunder. My client represented that on 28.02.2023 while shifting his house from Mahalakshmipuram layout to Sanjay Nagar has lost, the original sale deed dated:07.06.1985, vide register No:163/1985-86 in respect of the survey no.98 measuring 5 acres and another original sale deed dated 25.06.1985 vide register No: :310/1985-86 in respect of the survey No.100 measuring 5 acres. Both sale deeds are registered in the office the Sub register, Nelamangala, pertain to the schedule property. Hence my client had lodged complaint intimate in the loss of the sale deeds with jurisdiction police station Bengaluru on 28.02.2023 vide lost report No:0486100/2023. Any person or persons finding the said original sale deeds may please to hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the owner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing survey No: 100 measuring 5 acres situated that Yadehalli village, Sompura hobli, Nelamangala Taluk bounded on: **East by:** remaining property in same survey No belongs to Siddappa, **West by:** Property of Heggade, **North by:** Property of Parvathamma, **South by:** Road.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing survey No: 98 measuring 5 acres situsted at Yadehalli village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk bounded on: **East by:** Property of Siddappa, **West by:** Property of Bheemaiah Shetty, **North by:** Property of Honnappa, **South by:** Property of Sanjeev Shetty.

CR Krishnappa, Advocate,
No.313, 3rd Floor, Kurubara Sangha Building,
2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru -09.

IN THE COURT OF THE HONOURABLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC.No. 141/2023

Between: Smt.K.Vasanthi, W/o.Late Rachu Krishnan & D/o. Late.H.A.V. Kannan & Late Smt. Dhanalakshmi and other four (4) presently all Residing at No. 119, 4th Cross, Sonnenahalli, Vivekinagar, South Bengaluru-560047. and others ...PETITIONERS -Vs-
M/s. ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioner made a petition to this court Under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioner No.1 in respect of the said in the schedule pensioe benefits of Late.H.A.V .Kannan who expired on 10/09/1980 and Late Smt. Dhanalakshmi died on 19/09/2019. The petitioner No.1 is the bonefidiary under the said provision of pension.

Interested parties are here by warned to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on the **28th day of March 2023, at 11.00 a.m** to show cause against the petitioners, failing wherein the petition will be heard and proceed to pass orders as there is no objection for the same.

SCHEDULE

Sainik Welfare Department's Late. H.A.V.Kanna ESM Service No. $-7935725-S, Rank: HAV, ESM PPO No.FINA/1520/81, ESM Unit No.255 FD WKS COY EME, ESM Record Office, EME Records, Secunderabad who was serviced in this office of Late HAV KANNAN and then pension taking his wife Dhanalakshmi the same benefits of this office to the K.VASANTHI W/o.Late M. RachuKrishnan who is the daughter of deceased D/o. Late. H.A.V. Kannan and Late. Smt. Dhanalakshmi.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 3rd day of March 2023 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER
Shankarappa .G.B Advocate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, H.C Saroja W/o B.C Ramanna Residing at No.2442 10th Main ,D Block Near Durga Medicals 2nd Stage Rajajinagar Bangalore North -560010 I have lost Original Registered Gift deed executed on dated-19.06.2014 Doc.No.1664/2014-15 and Original Registered GPA executed on dated-04.09.2014 Doc.No.112/2014-15 and Supplementary Sharing Agreement executed on dated-.....2014 for the property Bearing Municipal No.110/+1 of converted Land Bearing Sy No.110/4 Measuring 01 Acre (out of 02 Acres of Converted Land Situated at Laggere Village Yeshwanthapura Hobli Bangalore North Taluk While Taking Photocopy in Xerox Shop

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M, Advocate,
KAR/474/2012
No.6, 80 feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040

Bangalore
Dated:01.03.2023

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Tirunelveli Housing Unit of Tamil Nadu Housing Board has proposed to sell the Commercial sites / shop sites/ Community Hall / Public Purpose site / Industrial sites / School site / Market site / Office Complex / Shopping Complex / Health centre (Totally 68 items) on **20.03.2023** through inviting Applications for Sealed Tender-cum-Open Auction.

Please visit TNHB website **www.tnhb.tn.gov.in** from **06.03.2023** for further details regarding Code No., Plot No., Plot extent, Upset price, EMD amount, Auction date, Cost of Application, Cost details,. Period of sale of application and conditions. Also contact below address for further details.

"The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Tirunelveli Housing Unit,
17D-C-Colony, Perumalpuram, Tirunelveli – 627 011".
Phone No. 0462-2912181.

Executive Engineer & Administrative Officer,
Tirunelveli Housing Unit, Tirunelveli .

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On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

क्र. सं.	कार्यों के नाम [सिविल कार्य क्र.सं. 01, 02, 03 व 04 : विद्युत् कार्य – क्र.सं. 05, 06 व 07]	प्राक्कलित लागत	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि	ईएमडी
Sl. No.	NAME OF THE WORKS [CIVIL WORKS - Sl.no: 01, 02, 03 & 04 : ELECTRICAL WORKS - Sl.no: 05, 06 & 07]	Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-159/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-75/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-159/MI/CPH-75/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सी-टॉप में MON-3 तथा हाइड्राज़ीन संयंत्र का अनुरक्षण कार्य। Maintenance works at MON-3 & Hydrazine Plant at C-Top, IPRC, Mahendragiri.	12.50	03 (तीन महीने / Three Months)	25,000
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-165/ एमए/ सीपीएच-80/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-165/MA/CPH-80/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, नागरकोविल में सिविल और पी.एच. प्रणालियों का प्रचालन और रखरखाव। Operation and maintenance of Civil and PH Systems at IPRC Housing colony, Nagercoil.	76.25	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	1,52,500
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-166/ एमए/ सीपीएच-81/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-166/MA/CPH-81/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में जल आपूर्ति प्रणाली के लिए मोटरों के साथ-साथ खराब पंपों की उठाई और कुओं में पंप की स्थापना सहित पंप हाउसों का प्रचालन और रखरखाव। Operation and maintenance of pump houses & wells including lifting break down pumps with motors and erection of pump in wells for water supply system at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	29.18	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	58,400
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-167/ एमए/ सीपीएच-82/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-167/MA/CPH-82/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, वल्लियूर में सिविल प्रणालियों के प्रचालन और रखरखाव के लिए सेवा संविदा। Service contract for operation and maintenance of civil systems at IPRC Housing colony, Valliyoor.	44.37	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	88,800
5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-110/ एमआई/ ईलई-34/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-110/MI/ELE-34/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के पूर्व समुच्चयन भवन (ए-126) में विद्युत् पुनर्सज्जीकरण कार्य। Electrical Refurbishment works in Pre assembly Building (A-126) at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	8.75	06 (छह महीने / Six Months)	17,500
6	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-164/ एमआई/ ईलई-50/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-164/MI/ELE-50/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में एस.आई.ई.टी. उपमार्ग के लिए यातायात प्रकाश व्यवस्था प्रदान करना। Providing Traffic lighting system for SIET Approach roads at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	10.55	05 (पाँच महीने / Five Months)	21,100
7	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-168/ एमए/ ईलई-51/2022-23	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-168/MA/ELE-51/2022-23		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के बी, सी तथा क्रायो सुविधाओं में बाह्य पावर फ़ीडर लाइन, मार्ग प्रकाश तथा अन्य विद्युत् संबंधी कार्य का वार्षिक अनुरक्षण (बाह्य कार्य)। Annual Maintenance of external power feeder lines, street lights & other electrical works in B, C and Cryo facilities, IPRC, Mahendragiri. (External works)	27.49	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	55,000

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प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि व नियत समय : Due Date & Time of Submission : **20-03-2023 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by \cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Raghavendra S **Loan Account No. 411900010059** **Symbolic Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	06/12/2022	**Rs.2,98,22,820.00 (Rupees two crore ninety eight lakh twenty two thousand eight hundred and twenty only)**	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.Nos.29/2B, 29/3B, 29/4B and 29/8B, all together measuring 1 acre 23/15 guntas or 68770.35 sq.ft, situated at Yellkunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded as East by: Private property West by: property belongs to Smt.Jayalakshmi, C.Nanjundareddy and BDA's property North by: Road South by: Road, and part of property retained by Smt. Jayalakshmi, Sri C.Nanjunda Reddy, Sri N.Rajesh and his minor Sons. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :** An undivided share of 698.69+453.40 = 1152.09 sq.feet of land in the Schedule A property and Apartment bearing No.C-702, in the seventh Floor building known as ADARSH ESPLANADE APARTMENT bearing Municipal No.1500/2900/283/74 flat no.C-702, Yellkunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore consisting of Duplex Bed Rooms of totally measuring 2549(1477+1072) sq.feet built up area, and 565 sq.ft, terrace area, one Car Parking space in the basement with other common areas like staircase, passage, lobbies and other areas of common use.
Mr. Babu Reddy N **Loan account no. 410400008907 & 411900015415** **Physicalsing Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	29/10/2022	**Rs.6,46,72,373.00 (Rupees Six Crore Forty Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Rupees Only) For Loan Account No. 410400008907 and Rs.4,12,85,416.00 (rupees Four Crore Twelve Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred And Sixteen Only) For Loan Account No. 411900015415, Total of Both Loan Accounts Rs. 10,59,57,789.00**	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of Sy. No. 59/2, New Survey No.59/4 and old Survey No.57/3 New Survey No.57/4 Situated at DoddaThogur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Road West by : Property bearing No. 57/3 North by :Others Property South by: Others Property Measuring 16.5 guntas All that piece and parcel of Sy. No. 57/3, Situated at DoddaThogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Sy No.59/2 West by : Property belongs to Gowramma North by : Others Property South by : Government Drainage Measuring 1 Acre 5 guntas
Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh & **Mrs. Roopa Singh** **Loan Account No. 411900015228** **Physical Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	10/11/2022	**Rs.4,66,10,667.00 (Rupees Four Crore Sixty Six Lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)**	**SCHEDULE– 'A' : (Entire Property) :** All that piece and parcel of property presently bearing Municipal No. 9 (earlier comprised of Survey No. 59/1 measuring 23 Guntas and Survey No.59/3 measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk) Ward No 191, measuring in all about 91595.28 square seet and bounded as under;- East by : Tank bed and Lake's boundary. West by : Land belonging to Srinivas Reddy, North by : Road South by :Tank bed and land belonging to Raghuram Reddy **SCHEDULE – 'B' : (Description of the Undivided share hereby conveyed)** An undivided 2.62% share (Equivalent to 2400 Square Feet) in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' property. **SCHEDULE – 'C' (Description of the Row House hereby conveyed) :** A Residential Row House bearing No. 2 in BLOCK "DORIS" OF "ZEUS" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 5118 Square Feet along with all the common proportionate rights in the common amenities and facilities in proportion to undivided share conveyed hereunder and two car park bearing No. 2 in the basement.
M/s East North Realty Private Limited, Mr. Narendra Babu Kalahasthi, Mr. Prabhakar Reddy, Mr. Reddappa Medharamatalla, Mr. Thyagaraj Pavalur Gopal Naidu, Mr. Thyagaraj Pavalur Gopal Naidu **Loan Account No. 410200007325** **Symbolic Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	23/08/2022	**Rs.4,10,41,840.00 (Rupees Four Crore Ten Lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred And Forty Four Only)**	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 30/50, E-Katha No. 150200301100124008, formed out of the lands in Sy. No. 50 situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to west 45.72 Sq Mtrs. and North to South 16.76 Mtrs. totally measuring 766.26 Sq Mtrs., or 8248.43 Ft., bounded on the: East by: Private Property West by: Road North by: Property belonging to Venkataramanappa South by: Remaining portion of land in same Sy. No.
Mr. P Suresh Naidu **Loan Account No 411900015351** **Physical Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	21/12/2022	**Rs.1,77,85,292.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred And Ninety Two Only)**	**SCHEDULE :** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old House List No.55 and 56 out of VP Katha No.32/9, New Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika Katha No.32/9/55,Present BBMP Katha No.132/32/9/55 and 56 formed out of converted Sy. No. 32/9, (Converted vide Order No.ALN(S.B)(B.H):SR:7:2013-2014, dated 28/06/2013, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore from agricultural to Non agricultural residential purpose), situated at Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South : 80 Feet in all measuring 2400 sq ft, together with RCC roofed, Mosaic Flooring, residential building constructed thereon consisting of Ground, First,Second Thrid and Fourth Floors only Each Floor measuring 2285 Sq.Ft of built up area, together with electricity and water facility etc., and bounded on the. East by : Road; West by : Private Property; North by : Property No.54; South by : Property No.57;
Mrs. Eshwari A & Mr. M S Mohanraj **Loan Account No. 410400008611** **Symbolic Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	24/11/2022	**Rs.60,50,052.00 /- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Fifty Thousand Fifty Two Only)**	**"A" SCHEDULE LAND :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being the residentially converted land bearing Sy No. 67/1, (converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion order No.ALN.SR75/2012-13, DATED 25.09.2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District) –Situated at Devarachikkanahalli village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, measuring 10 guntas or 10890 square feet, present BBMP Katha No.415/67/1, SL.No.415, BBMP Ward No.175,with all rights of easements appurtenances advantages either latent or patent attached to it and bounded on the: East by: POOJAPPA'S PROPERTY West by: Patel Venkatesh Reddy's Property North By: Patel Venkatesh Reddy's Property South By: Devarachikkanahalli Main Road The property comprised in multistoried residential Apartment in "A" Wing and Apartments in "B" Wing totally 32 Apartments and parking area and party hall, Gym Hall, lifts, generators and all other common areas, Security rooms in the stilt floor with all civic amenities there to. **"B" SCHEDULE LAND (Property conveyed under this Deed) :** 345 Square Feet Undivided share right, title interest in the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 10890 Square Feet. **"C" SCHEDULE LAND (Property conveyed under this Deed):** All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No.302 in the Third Floor of the Apartment building 'SRI ANNAPOORNESHWARI HEIGHTS' WITH Super built up area 1250 Square Feet comprising of two Bed room, one hall, one kitchen, toilet and bath room, along with common passages, lobbies, staircases, lifts, etc. together with one parking space in basement floor with all civic amenities thereto. BUILDING PARTICULARS; The apartment No. 302, Third Floor, (Two BHK) building known as ' SRI ANNAPOORNESHWARI HEIGHTS' with super built up are 1250 square feet constructed in RCC roofing iron pillar doors and windows are made out of white sal wood, and steels and rods, walls are built with hallow blocks and cement and vitrified flooring one covered car parking space in basement floor, with all civic amenities thereto.
Ms. V. Prabha & Amp; Mr. Subramani **Loan Account No ; 410600005686** **Symbolic Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	06/12/2022	**Rs.4,75,033,80.00 (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Five Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Only)**	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** All the piece and parcel of the Site No.363, New Municipal No.34(Old No.363), PID No.60-101-34, situated at 10th B Main Road, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore – 560 011, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South (52+53)/2, totally admeasuring 3150 sq.ft. and bounded on: East by: 10th B Main Road West by: Site No.330 North by: 22nd Cross Road South by: Site no.362 That the Schedule Property consists of House measuring 1600 sq.ft with RCC roofing and red-oxide flooring.
Krishnappa Lakshmi Narasimha Murthy & Kodanda Ramareddy Lalitha **Loan Account No. 410400006670** **Symbolic Possession taken date : 03/03/2023**	10 /10 /2022	**Rs.4,76,18,564.00/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Six Lakh Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred And Sixty Four Rupees)**	**SCHEDULE - A (The composite property) :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.132 (Old No.248) having building constructed stilt, ground floor, first floor & second floor on a site measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 40 ft, total measuring 2400 sq.ft., situated at 6th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011, PID No. 168- WO009-13-1, and bounded on the: East by : 6th Main Road West by :Property bearing No.261 North by : Property bearing No.247 South by : Property bearing No.249 **SCHEDULE – B (Portion allotted to the share of Sri. K.Lakshminarasimha Murthy)** 2nd Floor portion of the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 2200 sq.ft. of plinth area with common interest in stilt portion and the right of terrace portion. **SCHEDULE – C (Portion allotted to the share of the Smt. K. Lalitha)** Ground and First Floor portion of Schedule 'A' Property each Floor, measuring the plinth area of 2200 sq.ft., of landed area with common interest in stilt portion.

Place: Bangalore

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EDITORIAL

The paradox of courage is that a man must be a little careless of his life even in order to keep it

Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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— Ramnath Goenka

MIGRANT WORKERS MUST NOT GET SHORT END OF MISINFORMATION STICK

A questionable news article in a leading regional publication, videos with misleading messages going viral on social media sites and opportunists looking to make political hay: the result was manufactured panic about workers from northern states being assaulted and killed in Tamil Nadu. The panic caused some workers' families to ask them to come home while others told this newspaper they were heading home for Holi.

Several industries in TN, including hospitality, MSMEs, construction and textile, depend heavily on migrant workers. Tiruppur, the garment and textile hub of the state, became the centre around which rumours of violence against the workers came to be spread. After Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar raised concerns of workers' safety on reading the news report, TN DGP C Sylendra Babu posted a video setting the record straight. Subsequently, the police posted videos and messages in Hindi to reassure workers and their families, and TN CM M K Stalin personally reached out to Nitish. Every district administration, along with police, was told to reach out to workers and reassure them of their safety even as industry bodies appealed for calm. On Sunday, a team of Bihar officials sent to assess the situation in TN by Nitish said the situation had been normalised and noted that the videos seemed to have been circulated by "vested interests with mala fide intent".

Indeed, Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav was targeted by the BJP for attending a public meeting marking Stalin's 70th birthday, during which the Dravidian leader pitched for opposition unity against the BJP. TN police have booked several people for posting misleading or fake information, including the newspaper's editor, a BJP spokesperson in UP and, on Sunday, the BJP TN chief. However, as admirable as TN's efforts have been, the issue has spotlighted the xenophobic rhetoric employed by ethno-nationalists like the Naam Tamilar Katchi. The CM has warned of action against those who create problems for workers from other states in order to earn political mileage. Yet, mainstream parties and some sections of the media have also stereotyped and demeaned workers from northern states. The events of the past week are a wake-up call to respect and value those who have contributed to TN's growth and development.

FIRECRACKER UNIT BLAST A WAKE-UP CALL

The explosion at a firecracker unit at Muttinakam, near Kochi, which left one person dead and seven injured on Tuesday, showed that the authorities and the people had learnt nothing from such past incidents. The fireworks accident at a temple in Puttingal, Kollam, in 2016, which killed 112 people, continues to haunt Kerala. Coming to the latest incident, it has now emerged that the unit had no licence to manufacture firecrackers, and its licence to sell firecrackers in Ernakulam expired last year. It was operating using the licence issued to manufacture in Palakkad. The explosion was so massive that it was felt up to 5 km around the area and damaged ten houses. What has surprised many is that the firecracker unit was functioning in a densely populated residential area. Most people living there were unaware that vast quantities of explosives were being stored in their locality.

Kerala's love for fireworks is well known, and no festival is complete without the sound and colours of the fireballs that light up the night sky. While fireworks add colour and pomp to festivals, what's obvious is that the rules regarding the storage and use of explosives are often ignored, exposing people's lives to recurring accidents. And January to March is the peak festival season in Kerala. Though no official statistics are available, various reports indicate that at least 400 people have lost their lives in Kerala in firecracker-related accidents since 2006.

People in the industry say manufacturers usually store chemicals in far greater quantities than required. And a nexus involving the owners and various departments of the government, including the police, are at work. Police swing into action when an accident occurs, and everything is soon forgotten till the next big tragedy. While it's shocking how a fireworks-making unit was allowed to function in a busy area, the fact is that there are many locations across the state where explosives are stored without adequate safeguards. With Kerala reporting unusually high temperatures since mid-February and the weathermen forecasting a scorching summer, any stock of explosives is a potential tragedy in the making. The blast should serve as a wake-up call, and the authorities must stamp down on the illegalities involved in producing and storing fireworks. It's high time the government departments, including police and local bodies, heightened vigil against the danger lurking under their nose.

QUICK TAKE

CHILDREN AS POLITICAL PROPS

The AAP is accused of using students' messages favouring Delhi education minister Manish Sisodia to demonstrate support for the arrested leader. Pictures appeared on social media of students at 'I Love Sisodia' desks outside several Delhi government schools. Some AAP leaders tweeted the pictures, but the party denies running the campaign. Using underaged students as props for political messages is irresponsible and victimises them by violating their privacy. Worse still, the kids inadvertently got caught in a political battle over the controversy. It's unconfirmed who, if at all, sought the parents' consent and made them aware of the campaign's implications.

The tragedy is that today's politics is divorced from the Constitution, with striking contradictions between the two

FRATERNITY, A CONSTITUTIONAL VIRTUE GONE AMISS

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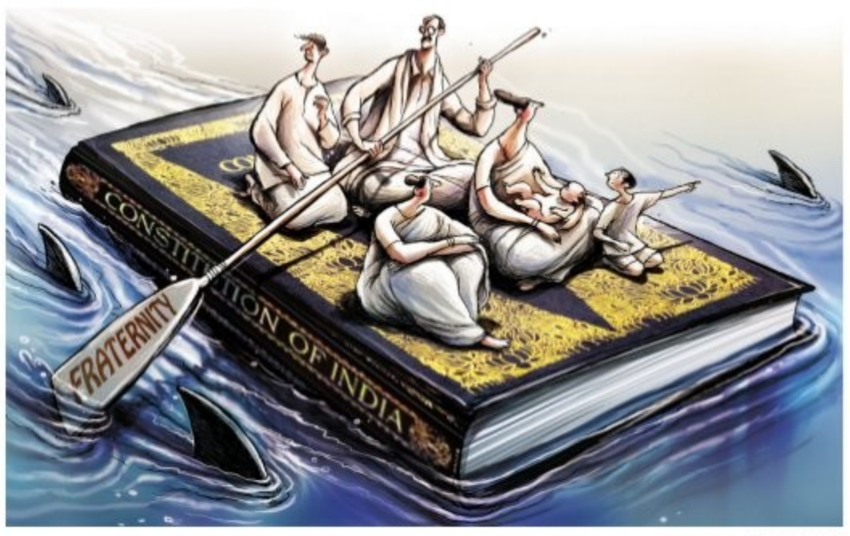

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There are significant judicial moments during which the whole nation is educated by the constitutional courts. It could be by way of orders or judgments, or even oral remarks made by the judges. As a public institution, the court's function is to review the executive action or inaction and the legislative texts. Yet, in the process, the court can also critically engage with the polity of the nation.

There was such a significant moment in the Supreme Court recently. A bench consisting of Justices K M Joseph and B V Nagarathna came down heavily on the petitioner who sought renaming of historical places and cities which are at present allegedly named after "invaders".

The bench spoke a lot about Hinduism and its magnanimity. Justice Joseph described Hinduism "as the greatest religion in terms of metaphysics". Justice Nagarathna said that "Hinduism is a way of life, and it does not allow bigotry." The court admonished the petitioner for trying to "dig the past" and to "place its burden on the present generation".

These observations by the court conveyed a great message to the nation and those who run the nation. The bench recalled the seminal judgment in *S R Bommai* (1994) which said that secularism is a basic feature of the Constitution. In *Bommai*, the court noted the peculiar history of our nation and said:

"India can rightly be described as the world's most heterogeneous society. It is a country with a rich heritage. Several races have converged in this sub-continent. They brought with them their own cultures, languages, religions and customs. These diversities threw up their own problems but the early leadership showed wisdom and sagacity in tackling them by preaching the philosophy of accommodation and tolerance."

There were other pronouncements specifically on Hinduism and Hindutva. In *Ismail Faruqui* (1994) the court explained the danger of religious fundamentalism. Justice J S Verma in *Ramesh Yeshwant Prabhoo v. Prabhakar Kashinath Kunte* (1995) explained that the misuse of expressions like Hindutva or Hinduism for promoting communalism "cannot alter the true meaning of these terms".

The word 'fraternity' in the Preamble has tremendous potential. In a way it implies secularism. Dr Ambedkar defined it as "a sense of common brotherhood of all Indians" while emphasising its importance "in a country like ours with so many disruptive forces of regionalism, communalism and linguism" [Quoted in *Raghunathrao Ganpatrao v. Union of India* (1993)]. Secularism, in a way, is synonymous with fraternity of the people. It is a celebration of diversity. It is the togetherness of multitudes.

But the court has its limitations as a public educator. Firstly, the masses at large are not proximate to the institution of judiciary. Vocabulary of the lawmen varies from the vocabulary of laymen, posing important questions of access. Secondly, there is a possibility of twisting what the court said, to take political advantage. Justice Verma, who wrote the judgment on Hindutva, was reportedly unhappy about the way in which it was politically misinterpreted and misused.

Therefore, the ultimate burden to strengthen the ideas of secularism and fraternity is on the political parties and civil society. How far do the political parties care to carry out this basic task? Do they take the Constitution seriously? Do they educate themselves and the public on the virtues of religious harmony?

Aditya Mukherjee's recent book, *Political Economy of Colonial and Post-Colonial India* (Primus Books, 2022) is an erudite work that tries to find an answer to these questions. Among other things, he says that "the most important factor in the survival and reassertion of the communal forces was the fact that the secular forces failed to undertake any sustained ideological work to combat communal ideology, nor were they able to use State power to firmly contain the communal forces." This seems to be an empirically tested Indian reality.

Any ideology that tries to divide humans based on race, caste or religion is bound to be inhuman and undemocratic. Therefore, a true religion always places itself above all the religions. This is especially true with Hinduism. Swami Vivekananda said in his historic Chicago speech: "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true." He went on to add: "I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth."

Let us now see if we apply this perception in the case of Rohingya refugees who were mercilessly deported from India. Let us ask if Vivekananda's Hinduism was reflected in the Citizenship Amendment Act which clearly discriminated against the refugees on the ground of religion. In the day-to-day life of the nation, we are confronted with an ideology of hostility and segregation.

We may now remember a scholar of the past: Jagat Narain Lal. An eminent member of the Constituent Assembly, he was a patriot with great human qualities. He was a member of the Congress and of the Hindu Mahasabha. His idea of "civic nationalism" is explained in a recent book authored by Rajshree Chandra (*Competing Nationalisms*, Penguin, 2021). She explains that Jagat Narain tried to "combine the goal of unity with the principles of liberty and equality, without being religion-neutral". Jagat Narain's views are significant while analysing today's politics of hatred based on sheer misuse of both religion and nationalism.

The point is to recognise the finer content of the Constitution which essentially reflects the true fraternity which again is the hallmark of Vivekananda's Hinduism. The Constitution, like genuine Hinduism, speaks about certain universal values.

The tragedy, however, is that the politics of the day is divorced from the Constitution. There are striking contradictions between the two. It is doubtful if *S R Bommai* reflects the law which the present dispensation is fond of preaching or practising. Laws, and even judgments, depend very much on politics, at the implementation level. Not only the executive actions and political propaganda, but even some of the recent legislations on marriage and conversion are essentially divisive and often misused than used. Constitutional praxis is something which needs to be developed in India, where democracy is only a topsoil, as Dr Ambedkar famously lamented.

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THE POWER OF PRAHLAD'S UNFLINCHING DEVOTION

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

With Holi a day away, one instinctively thinks of Prahlad, for Holi is in remembrance of his aunt Holika being burnt, soon after which Mahavishnu took the Narasimha avatar to save Prahlad. Narasimha Jayanti falls in early May this year, not long after Holi. We must imagine how worried Prahlad's father Hiranyakashipu was. He was an *asura*, a mighty titan who belonged to 'Patal' or the netherworld, the assigned realm of his race. He had fought and politicked and now controlled the netherworld, earth and heaven. And he had nicely bullied that dotard, Brahma, or so he thought, into giving him the ultimate boon of invincibility.

He had undergone such ferocious austerities that Brahma was compelled to come to him and offer him a boon to stop. "I don't need you for fighting my battles and crushing my enemies," said Hiranyakashipu scornfully. "What I want from you is utter invincibility. Grant that I cannot be killed by a celestial, a titan or a human, by any weapon ever made, by night or day, neither indoors nor outdoors, on land or in the air."

The Creator had looked quizzical. "Are you sure?" he had asked mildly.

"Of course, you old fool," thought Hiranyakashipu, but aloud he said, "Yes, I am."

So why was he worried? He was the lord of life. He was god. He had ordered everyone to worship him with song, dance, prayer and sacrifice. And everyone in the three worlds had obeyed, except, thought Hiranyakashipu bitterly, his own son: Prahlad, whose name meant 'excess of joy' for that's what the *asura* nation had felt at his birth.

How could Prahlad refuse to obey his own father and insist on praying only to his chosen deity, Vishnu? But Prahlad had said firmly, "I have to pray to Vishnu, Father, or it annoys me." A lode of *asura* spirit there. Hiranyakashipu was actually pleased about that. It was all the fault of that busybody Narada, he brooded. The celestial seer had dropped in on Patal while Hiranyakashipu's chief queen was expecting Prahlad. He had told her endless stories about Vishnu, of which the baby had heard every word.

But every last flicker of paternal feeling died out during the next big festival. A great public parade had marched by saluting Hiranyakashipu, the new god of gods and king of kings. But Prahlad had sat it out. It was too public a rebuff. There would have to be consequences and Hiranyakashipu organised them.

Prahlad was given the customary drink of poisoned milk but strangely it did not even make him drowsy nor did he die of horrible convulsions. He was then put neck-deep into a mud pit and an elephant was sent to shatter his head. But the tusker veered away and no other royal elephant cooperated in this task.

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Hiranyakashipu rushed to verify this miracle and found Prahlad being cleaned up by his aunt Holika. He dragged his sister out and looked appraisingly at her. "He trusts you," he said. "And he does not know that you have a fireproof magic cloth. Well, get it out. Tomorrow you will hold Prahlad on your lap and we will burn you both."

"This is a power-mad monster," thought Holika desperately. "I must escape him." Next morning, when she led Prahlad to a lotus pond in the inner courtyard, he looked into her eyes. "Aunt, is Father about to do something unpleasant again?" he asked.

"Yes, he is," said Holika. "Wrap this cloth around you and jump into the pond when I say so. It's for the best." Already, she could see soldiers with flaming torches creeping up on them…

"I don't understand it," thought Hiranyakashipu after the thirteen days of mourning were over. "Why did the silly woman let herself be burnt in place of Prahlad? And he hasn't spoken a word since. We'll see what he says in open court when he's brought in as a prisoner in chains."

Some weeks later in the deathly hush of the imperial court, Prahlad was made to stand in chains by a pillar near the door. A shaft of fading pink light fell on his composed face.

"You see that I do not spare even my son when he commits blasphemy," said Hiranyakashipu forcefully. "Prahlad, admit that you worship a false god and declare your faith in me, your heavenly father. Have you ever seen your so-called god? Does he even exist?"

"He exists in everything, Father," answered Prahlad steadily.

"Ridiculous! Even in this pillar?"

"Yes, Father."

"Call him out then," scoffed Hiranyakashipu. A whole minute went by and Hiranyakashipu lost his temper.

"I'll get your god out for you!" he shouted and kicked the pillar hard.

A second's silence and the pillar split open with a deafening crack and boom. Screams rent the air as a fearful figure, half lion and half man, emerged with slavering jaws. The towering apparition picked up Hiranyakashipu in its huge, sharp claws and strode to the threshold.

There, neither indoors nor outdoors, not by day or by night but in the falling dusk, the man-lion, not a celestial, an earthling or a titan, placed the demon king on its lap, neither on land nor in the air, and not by any weapon made but with its claws, tore open his stomach and disembowelled him.

The man-lion flung away the demon-king's corpse and the terrified court shrank as it strode back inside and struck off Prahlad's fetters. The prince fell to his knees, hands joined. "My lord Vishnu," he said, and finally, as never before during his father's murderous doings, did his young eyes fill with tears and overflow.

The avatar disappeared. "Be king of your realm, Prahlad," boomed a heavenly voice. "You will rule well, staunch soul, and come to me when it's time."

After a few dazed seconds, a shaken cheer broke out and within moments the court was roaring in support of its new king. No god, thank heaven, but a regular king, and one without hubris.

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A divided opposition

Apropos of *Past and present taint keeps opposition divided* (Mar 5). Prabhu Chawla's weekly column was interesting. Being unable to perform while in office, the zeal to guard their respective turfs, and their treatment of Hindus are some of the factors that stand in the way of opposition unity. None of the opposition leaders have the stature or credibility to become PM of this nation.
Ramaswamy Seetharaman, email

Cong in disarray

Prabhu Chawla's column was an interesting one as always. Where are the visionary leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan or Vajpayee who can think of creating a sustainable opposition unity to fight against the government? The Congress is in disarray and regional parties have self-interest in mind. It is improbable to be an apt challenger to BJP which has a solid statesman like PM Modi.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Condemn SFI attack

The SFI attacking Asianet office and intimidating its employees is a rare event in Kerala and deserves the most severe condemnation. This is a classic case of the failure in mentoring, evidenced by the CPM leaders' reluctance to condemn the incident.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Rijiju defending judiciary

Apropos of *No one can question judiciary: Rijiju* (Mar 5). His spirited defence of the Indian judiciary must be welcomed. While condemning Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the Indian judiciary in his speech at Cambridge, the law minister set the record straight by saying in unambiguous terms that the wisdom of the judges cannot be questioned.
S Retnaswamy, Chennai

Good samaritans hard to find

All of us are humans, but how many are being human? It is heartwarming to read *The New Sunday Express* articles *Money is not a barrier to get quality medical care here* and *The siren of saving humans*. In the present scenario where monetary gain seems to be the primary objective, there are few good samaritans like Mohan and Udhayakumar. And Manikandan, despite being poor, provides free ambulance services to those living in remote areas.
Rajkumar M, email

None can take Sania's place

Apropos of *Sania Mirza: A trailblazer who became the world's best* (Mar 5). A glorious tennis career which started at Rod Laver Arena in 2005 is over now. It is sad that in our talent pool there is not a single tennis player who can take Sania's legacy forward.
Bal Govind, Noida

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
4 yrs on, there has been no Dy Speaker in Lok Sabha. What a far cry from 1956 when Nehru proposed to name an Oppn MP for the post & he was elected

Meenakashi Lekhi @M_Lekhi
Joined Hon @LtGovDelhi at Asita, along with #G20 delegates as we took a walk at Yamuna flood-plains. Happy to see the amazing transformation

Raghav Chadha @raghav_chadha
Opposition writes to PM condemning @msisodia Ji arrest, weaponisation of agencies and Guv's office to harass, intimidate and settle political scores

RISING SALINITY POSES THREAT TO SUNDERBANS

Increased frequency of severe cyclones, tidal waves and blocking of freshwater river mouths negatively affect mangrove forests

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

TAJIUDDIN Mintu (50), a Basanti Island-based forest conservation volunteer, was jubilant when finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget 2023-24 announced a special project for mangrove restoration. For more than two decades, Mintu has been conserving mangrove forests in cooperation with the forest department. He believes mangroves can only save his sinking village Bharatgarh on the island – one of the 54 islands with human settlements and out of 102 islands in India's Sunderbans, the world's largest delta. The delta is formed by the confluence of three major rivers – Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghana, which span around 10 thousand sq km.

India's mangrove forest, especially Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve, is in crisis due to climate change and anthropogenic activities. Sea-level rises and increased frequency of severe cyclones, which consequently increase salinity, have negatively affected the mangrove forests.

This Budget has tried to address this issue by launching a new scheme named 'Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes' (MISHTI) for taking up mangrove plantation along the coastline.

"MISHTI will give further impetus to our mangrove plantation and conservation efforts," said Mintu.

Besides acting as bioshields, mangrove vegetation and their associates are also a source of timber, firewood, honey, wax, alcohol and medicinal extracts and herbs.

Diminishing mangrove biodiversity

The increased frequency of severe cyclones, tidal waves and anthropogenic activities such as the blocking of freshwater river mouths to sea are the major cause of the increase in salinity. It leads to change in species composition and sometimes even to their extinction.

The result of increased salinity is visible on fresh water-loving mangrove trees such as Heritiera fomes (sundari tree), the dominant mangrove species in the Sunderbans. This species is under the endangered category in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red list. Another mangrove species Nypa fruticans (Golpata) is also on the decline.

"Our field observation shows that the density of Sundari and Golpata is reducing fast," said Ajoy Kumar Das, conservator of forests and joint director, Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal. "Salinity tolerant mangrove varieties such as Avicennia Alba are spreading fast, causing a change in the composition of mangrove forest," he said.

Das also pointed out the disconnection of principal estuaries of the region to major perennial freshwater rivers such as the Ganga, Brahmaputra and others has accentuated the salinity in the region.

DISAPPEARING BEACHES

In the recent past, the frequency and severity of cyclonic storms such as Aila, Amphan, Yaas and Bulbul and tidal waves have increased. Tidal waves cause floods and turn the soil more saline and unfit for agricultural activities.

Besides, seawater ingresses to ground water, causing socio-economic problems.

"Salinity of agricultural land and underground water has triggered a mass migration from these islands to cities as they either cannot grow crops on this land or are not able to produce enough food to sustain their livelihood," says Ajanta Dey, Programme Director at NEWS, a non-profit engaged in conservation of mangroves.

Sea-level rise

A detailed study conducted by the West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences shows that sea-level rising rate in the Sunderbans region is relatively higher than in other parts of the Indian sub-continent, which is causing severe erosion and islands getting submerged rapidly.

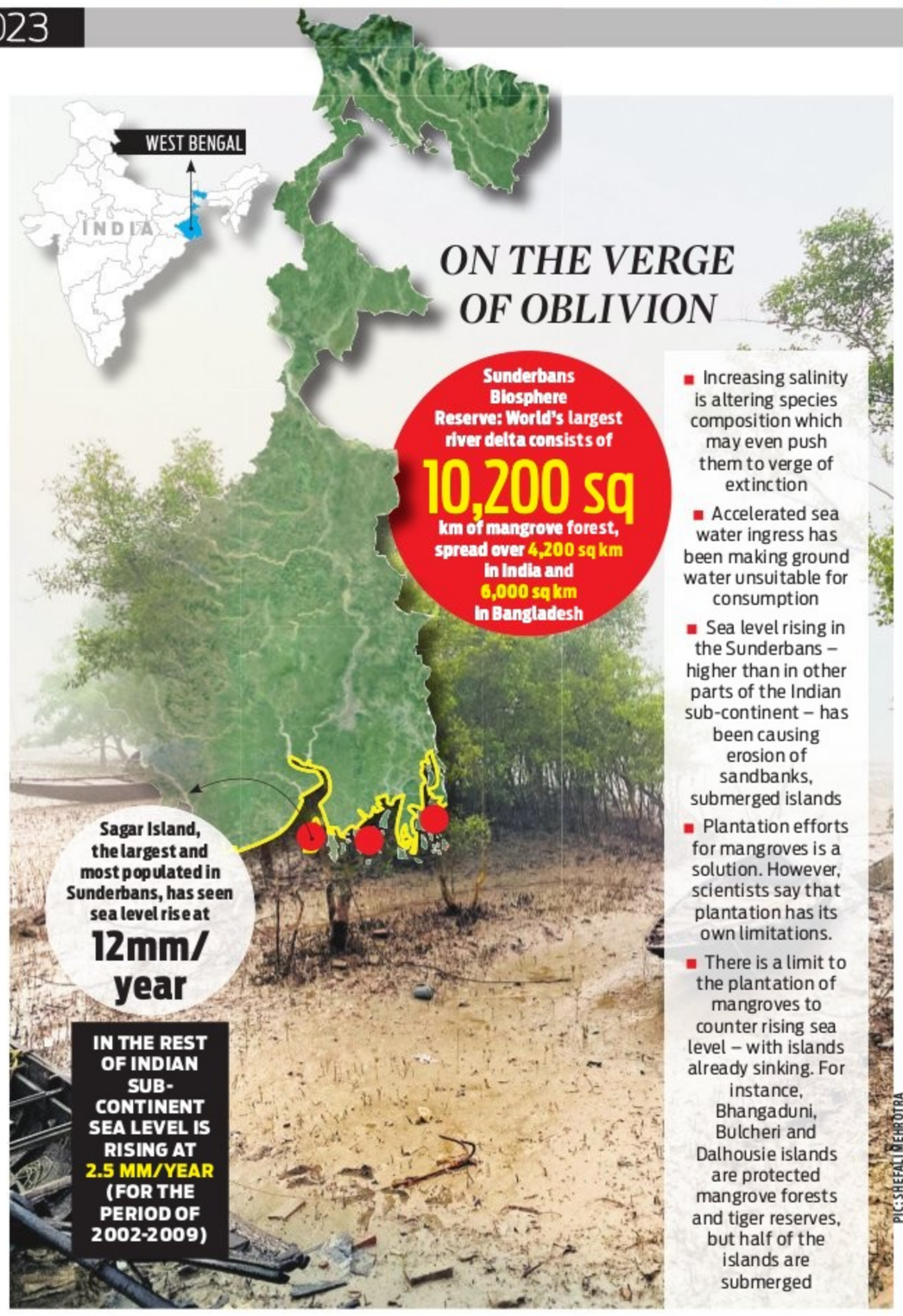
"The data of Sagar island for the period of 2002-2009 indicated a rise of Relative Mean Sea Level at the rate of 12mm/year during the decade whereas rest of Indian sub-continent are increasing at the rate of about 2.5 mm/year," says RK Trivedi, one of the authors of the report.

However, there is a limit to the plantation of mangroves to counter seal-level rise. For instance, Bhangaduni, Bulcheri and Dalhousie islands are protected mangrove forests and tiger reserves, but half of the islands have been sunken. Moreover, the West Bengal government has increased the area of 85sq km of mangrove plantation in the past three decades.

Scientists say that plantation has its limitations. Global efforts are required to slow down carbon emissions and stop the melting of glaciers.

Meanwhile, in the Sunderbans, Indian and Bangladeshi governments need to collaborate and stop anthropogenic activities such as decommissioning dams that slowed down rivers flow to estuaries.

"Plantation may not solve the sea-level rise and salinity problems unless you have a whole delta ecosystems rejuvenation plan like fresh river rejuvenation and its flow of sedimentation to delta," says Sugata Hazra, who used to teach Oceanography at Jadhavpur University.


WEST BENGAL
INDIA
ON THE VERGE OF OBLIVION
Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve: World's largest river delta consists of
10,200 sq km of mangrove forest, spread over 4,200 sq km in India and 6,000 sq km in Bangladesh
Sagar Island, the largest and most populated in Sunderbans, has seen sea level rise at
12mm/ year
IN THE REST OF INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT SEA LEVEL IS RISING AT 2.5 MM/YEAR (FOR THE PERIOD OF 2002-2009)
Increasing salinity is altering species composition which may even push them to verge of extinction
Accelerated sea water ingress has been making ground water unsuitable for consumption
Sea level rising in the Sunderbans – higher than in other parts of the Indian sub-continent – has been causing erosion of sandbanks, submerged islands
Plantation efforts for mangroves is a solution. However, scientists say that plantation has its own limitations.
There is a limit to the plantation of mangroves to counter rising sea level – with islands already sinking. For instance, Bhangaduni, Bulcheri and Dalhousie islands are protected mangrove forests and tiger reserves, but half of the islands are submerged
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POWER GAMES

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Legacy Tales

MAYAWATI PLANS GALA WEDDING FOR POLITICAL HEIR

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati is planning a grand wedding for her nephew Akash Anand, who is also considered to be her political heir. Akash is the son of Mayawati's brother Anand Kumar, who is a real estate developer and was in news when the income tax department attached a property in Noida that was alleged to be his benami holding. Akash has done MBA from London and is marrying the daughter of Ashok Sidharth, Mayawati's close associate and a former member of the Rajya Sabha. The wedding will take place in Noida, Uttar Pradesh on March 26. Top political leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are likely to attend the function for which thousands of party leaders and workers are also being invited. Mayawati has already launched Akash into politics by appointing him as the National Coordinator of the BSP. He accompanies her on political tours and lives with her at her sprawling Sardar Patel Marg residence in New Delhi. BSP workers remember when their party chief first introduced Akash to them. She said: "This is Akash. He will look after party affairs." BSP sources said that Behenji has left little doubt that Akash will inherit her political legacy and run the party in future.

CWC recast

KHARGE TRAINS GUN ON BIGWIGS, BIG CHANGES LIKELY

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is likely to appoint new members of the Congress Working Committee immediately after Holi. Intense lobbying has started for a seat in the party's highest decision-making body. Sources said that there is no love lost between the party president and the general secretary in-charge of organistion, K C Venugopal. They said if Kharge is left to take his own decision, he would appoint a new GS (Organisation). Another leader who is not particularly in Kharge's good books is the party's media department chairman Jairam Ramesh. Jairam and Kharge come from the same state, Karnataka, and the Chanakya from Chikmagalur, as Jairam is referred to by a section of the Congress, has managed to get into the party president's crosshairs for reasons known only to them. However, both Venugopal and Jairam are close to Rahul Gandhi. It was Rahul who had given them their present position in the party. It will, therefore, be difficult for Kharge to axe the two, unless Rahul decides not to intervene in the team recast. According to sources, if Kharge is allowed a free hand, Venugopal will be replaced by the general secrtary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala. Surjewala is not only close to the party president but also shares excellent rapport with both Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Gandhi family loyalist Mukul Wasnik is in the running for the important post of chairman of the department of election strategy and planning. Another party leader Gaurav Vallabh is also a contender for this post. Sources said former media department chairman Ajay Maken and general secretary Jitendra Singh are also in the running for the top posts. The new CWC will have a large number of young leaders as the party has decided to reserve 50% posts for leaders under 50 years of age.

MHA okays integrated control room for quick response to disasters

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a move aimed at faster response to disaster and internal security matters, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sanctioned setting up Integrated Control Room with staffer strength of 43.

A letter initiated by the Disaster Management Division of the MHA says it is 'to convey the sanction of the President of India for creation of the following 43 posts for setting up of Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)' in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The sanction letter, issued on February 13, has been sent to various sections of the MHA and the Directors General of the various central armed police forces, apart from the other ministries and departments.

The division will be headed by a Deputy Inspector general-level officer. The other 42 personnel comprise a second-in-command and three deputy commandants. The personnel will be based at two locations. While 33 of them will be based at the Disaster Management Division at the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) headquarters, the other 10 personnel will be based out of the North Block's Internal Security Division. The ICR-ER will cater to the requirements of disaster management as well as internal security.

According to sources, ICR-ER will address the requirement of receipt of information on real-time basis, strategic-level monitoring, situation awareness, command and control, preparedness and response in the diverse internal security situation and disaster-related emergencies.

It will increase the operational effectiveness and will be helpful in rendering timely response/assistance during various emergency situations. India is prone to many natural disasters like floods, landslides, cyclones, forest fires, earthquakes and drought. "This control room will help in rallying the resources appropriately in optimal time thus resulting in saving precious lives", a source said.

For the purpose of specialised response to natural and man-made disasters, the NDRF in 2006 was constituted with eight battalions. It is a part of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), constituted in 2005, to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management. At present, the NDRF is the main disaster response force, consisting of 15 battalions from the BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP, SSB and Assam Rifles. Each battalion has 18 self-contained specialist search and rescue teams of 45 personnel, including engineers, technicians, electricians, dog squads and medical/paramedics. The total strength of each battalion is 1,149. Its work in earthquake hit Turkey has earned international accolades.

Flu cases with Covid-like symptoms surge across India

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE country is seeing a bout of viral infection which has Covid-like symptoms. The infection is accompanied by fever, cough, sore throat, trouble in breathing, headache, muscle pain, cold, body chill and fatigue.

The viral infection is reportedly so severe that it leaves patients exhausted, physically and mentally.

The viral has not spared even the medical fraternity as many doctors said they are down with the infection. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, one of the infected, tweeted about the "cold bug".

Many medical experts from across India, including doctors, responded to his tweet saying that they too suffered from the nasty viral infection.

Dr Rejeev Jayadevan, an epidemiologist and co-chairman of the Covid-19 task force Indian Medical Association, said there are several reasons for the rise in viral infection, but the main cause is Influenza A.

"Though, Covid continues its low tide in India, various viruses are circulating causing respiratory illness," Jayadevan said. Some people, who were infected with Covid-19 previously, have gone on to develop a chronic cough. "This is attributed to airway hyperreactivity. Fortunately this is responsive to medications," he added.

The best way is to isolate oneself from others, just like in Covid-19, to stop the infection from spreading.

According to Dr Sushila Kataria, Senior Director, Internal Medicine, Medanta Hospital in Gurugram, the number of flu cases is rising and it is due to Influenza A sub-type H3N2. "The cough is severe because of swelling on vocal cords and laryngitis," she said.

Prof Dr S K Chhabra, Head of Department – Pulmonary, Sleep and Critical Care Medicine, Primus Hospital, Chanakyapuri, blamed the abrupt change in season from winter to summer for the increased hospital patient load.

"While there are more cardiovascular cases in the winter, there are also more viral infections during the transitional conditions," Chhabra said.

"Children, pregnant women, and older adults are most susceptible to infection. They must exercise extreme caution when going outside," he said

Dr Sunita Kapoor, Director and Consultant Pathologist at City X-Ray and Scan Clinic, said: "Most of these viral respiratory illnesses are due to H3N2 (Influenza A), a few Influenza B and Rhinovirus, but not Covid or H1N1," she added.

As the cases pile up, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) advised against the indiscriminate use of antibiotics.

Dr Jayadevan said antibiotics are effective only for infections caused by bacteria. "Unnecessary use of antibiotics, often by self-medication, helped by easy availability over-the-counter is a problem in India.

In the grip of viral fever

SYMPTOMS: The infection has Covid-like symptoms. It is accompanied by fever, cough, sore throat, trouble in breathing, headache, muscle pain, cold, body chill and fatigue; Cough lasts for weeks

IT'S INFLUENZA A: The main reason for the infection is Influenza A sub-type H3N2; a few Influenza B and Rhinovirus are also noted, but not Covid or H1N1

TREATMENT: Chronic cough is attributed to airway hyperreactivity, but this is responsive to medication

CAUTION: As the cases pile up, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) advised against the indiscriminate use of antibiotics

PREVENTION: The best way is to isolate oneself from others, just like in Covid-19, to stop the infection from spreading. Not all, but most of it can be prevented or avoided by staying hydrated, covering up adequately, using humidifiers, taking the flu vaccine, and inhalers when necessary. Children, pregnant women, and older adults are most susceptible to infection. They must therefore exercise extreme caution when going outside

TEACH 'EM YOUNG: BOOKS & GAMES ON ROAD SAFETY SOON

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

WITH the aim of inculcating awareness about road safety among school children, the ministry of road transport and highways will bring out an 'activity book' and board games like 'snake and ladder'.

The ministry has planned a separate 36-page book for primary and middle- or senior-level school children. Besides Hindi and English, the publications and game will be printed in 14 regional languages — Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

To develop content, designing and production, the ministry will engage an experienced service provider. It has already started a selection process to finalise on the content developer and publisher. Apart from interactive content, the government will take the help of reflective stickers on five different topics on good Samaritan, road signs, traffic rules, safety measures, violations and penalties.

The number of road accidents in the country has been on decline in the last couple of years. However, fatalities in road mishaps have not been lessening.

The number of deaths was significantly low in 2020 as there was restriction on the movement during the lockdown imposed to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the annual report on road accidents in India released in December, 4.12 lakh accidents took place on roads during 2021 in which 1.53 lakh people lost their lives and more than 3.84 persons were injured.

As per the ministry's findings, road accidents have decreased by 8.1 per cent and injuries decreased by 14.8 per cent in 2021 compared to 2019.

Fatalities, however, on accounts of road accidents increased by 1.9 percent in 2021 corresponding to the same period in 2019.

According to the officials, the proposed activity books will contain photographs, graphic, illustration, short stories, games, maze, riddles and puzzles to teach readers about the significance of safe driving, traffic rules, and etiquettes. The publication will be distributed among all RTOs, CBSE affiliated schools, and other stakeholders across states.

MILLETS AS PRASAD

Joining the Centre's efforts to promote millets, the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will now offer devotees 'prasad' made from millets.

03 KILLED AS CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK IN U.J.JAIN

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Bhopal	32	17	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	31	18	Patna	34	19
Amritsar	29	13	Lucknow	32	18
Chennai	31	24	Port Blair	31	23
Kolkata	36	23	Imphal	31	10
Srinagar	14	01	Chandigarh	30	13

Pandit staff to join work on March 8

The 310-day-long strike seeking relocation to Jammu ended after J&K admn fails to respond

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE PM Package Pandit employees have suspended their 310-day long strike demanding relocation to Jammu and they will join duties en masse at Divisional Commissioner's office in Srinagar on Wednesday.

Rubon Saproo, president of All Migrant Displaced Employees Association Kashmir, told this newspaper that after consultation with the striking employees and their families, it was decided to suspend the strike in Jammu on Saturday.

"We decided to suspend the strike as there was no response from government to our main demand – relocation to Jammu. We have now surrendered before the government after continuing our stir for 310 days," Saproo said.

About 5,000 PM package Pandit employees were on strike since May 12, 2022 after a Pandit employee Rahul Bhat was shot dead by militants inside his office in central Kashmir.

Majority of Pandit employees had left the Valley and stayed in Jammu, where they were staging daily protest to demand relocation to Jammu in view of targeted killings by militants in Kashmir.

However, many of them resumed their duties in Valley after government withheld their salaries since August last year. Saproo said security situation in Valley continues to be their main concern.

On February 26, militants shot dead a Kashmiri Pandit bank guard few meters away from his residence at Achen village of Pulwama. Ranjan Jotshi, vice-president All Migrant Displaced Employees Association Kashmir, said the striking PM package employees would be resuming their duties in Kashmir.

"Many of the PM package employees have already joined and others will also be returning to duties. We will do mass joining in Divisional Commissioner Kashmir's office in Srinagar on Wednesday," he said.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir will meet a delegation of PM package Pandit employees in Srinagar on Monday. Jotshi said government should address their security and accommodation concerns in the Valley and ensure their safety and security.

The financial crunch caused to the striking employees by withholding of their salaries, he said, has forced the employees to suspend their stir and resume their duties. He, however, said Pandit employees and their families are still apprehensive about their resumption of duties especially after the recent killing of a Pandit bank guard in south Kashmir.

TRACING THE STRIKE

MAY 12, 2022
PM package Pandit employee Rahul Bhat shot dead by militants in Budgam.

About 5000
PM package Pandit employees strike work to demand relocation to Jammu.

JUNE 13, 2022
The Pandit employees begin protest in Jammu.

DEC 21, 2022
Lt Governor Manoj Sinha says salaries won't be released to those sitting at home.

FEB 13, 2023
Striking Pandit employees stage protest outside Rajbhavan, Jammu

FEB 15, 2023
They stand for day and night protest outside BJP headquarters in Jammu.

MARCH 4, 2023
Pandit employees suspend the strike.

What is the issue?

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Prices of onion crash, Fadnavis faces farmers' ire

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA's BJP ministers are facing the wrath of farmers in the state in the wake of the crashing prices of onions and cotton with the government having failed to take any measures so far to address the situation.

On Sunday, onions were thrown by some irate people, who were later detained by the police, at the convoy of Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis in Amravati while Union Minister for State and Dindori MP Bharati Pawar was heckled by a group of farmers about the dwindling market rates of onions.

Pawar, who is seen surrounded by angry farmers in a purported viral video on social media, tried to pacify them by saying that the Centre was for the first time buying onions through National Agriculture Cooperative Market Federations (NAFED) and ensured that there is no ban on the export of the onion as well.

The farmers can be heard blaming the Centre's flawed policies for the crisis. "The government must compensate the

farmers by buying the onions at the international market rate," they said.

Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Abdul Sattar also faced the farmers' ire. Farmers told him that the rates of the onions were lower than that of scrap paper.

Referring to the plunging prices of cotton, farmers said that last year, they had sold it at Rs 14,000 per quintal but now, the rate was down to Rs 8,000 per quintal.

"We are not even able to recover the input costs. If the government does not step in, farmers' suicides will sky-rocket," said farmers gathered at an agriculture exhibition in Amaravati.

KOLKATA DIARY

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14 children die in 3 days due to adenovirus

Fourteen children, from newborn to three-year-old, with symptoms of adenovirus infection died in past three days in Kolkata and the total number of death has gone up to 49 in past two months in Bengal. The state health department issued advisories ensuring presence of paediatricians in government hospitals round-the-clock and announced helpline number. In the past 24 hours, four children died in Kolkata's two hospitals. State health department said in an advisory that no child with a respiratory ailment can be referred to a hospital without ensuring that a bed is booked.

Tenure of Jadavpur Univ's VC extended

Governor C.V. Ananda Bose rectified the extension of the tenure of Jadavpur University vice-chancellor Suranjan Das. Das's name featured in the list of 24 VCs of state-aided universities whose tenure extension came under then scanner as the state government issued the orders without the approval of then governor Jagdeep Dhankhar. The governor is ex-officio chancellor of all state-aided universities. Das was among the eight VCs who went to Raj Bhavan seeking what education minister said was a "legitimatised extension". He tendered his resignation and the governor extended his tenure by 3 months.

70% fail in North Bengal Univ exam

Around 70 per cent of 77,600 students, who appeared for exams in the third and fifth semesters of undergraduate courses at the North Bengal University (NBU) in December last year, have failed. The students appeared in the two semesters belonged to 49 collages affiliated with NBU. A scrutiny of the results revealed that 90 per cent of the examinees had failed in some colleges. A source said, over 57,000 students had failed the exams. "The high failure rate must be the result of students writing exams online. Some students have cracked exams only in the past two years and when that way got closed, the results got worse," said a professor of the NBU.

Caste census, quota hike & CM post among Jat demands in Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE politics over Jat votes is intensifying in Rajasthan which is due to go for Assembly elections in December. Apart from the demand for a caste census and increasing reservation of OBCs from 21 to 27 per cent, there is a growing chorus for a Jat CM in the state.

The community has a sizeable population in Rajasthan and exercises influence at over 40 Assembly seats. Govind Singh Dotasara and Satish Poonia, who head the state Congress and BJP units respectively, both hail from the Jat community.

In a Jat Mahakumbh held in Jaipur on Sunday, the leaders of both the major political parties were seen seeking the support and blessings of the society. Thousands of people from across the state participated in the event held at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium.

The participants were in an excited mood. Flowers were showered over them from a helicopter and people were singing and performing folk dance. Both Dotasara and Poonia were

Community leaders at Jat Mahakumbh in Jaipur on Sunday | PTI

present on the state, reflecting the importance of the community's votes in the state. Both happen to be in the race to be their respective party's chief ministerial candidates.

Addressing the participants at the rally, Rajasthan Jat Mahasabha chief Rajaram Meel gave a call for the next CM to be from the Jat community. He said that the community will vote for any party which implements this demand.

The event was also attended by former CM Vasundhara Raje's son and MP Dushyant Singh, Union Minister Kailash Chowdhary, Sikar MP Sumedhanand Saraswati and all Jat ministers of the government.

Minimum fee for VIP darshan at Char Dham

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Uttrakahand government is focusing on making elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims for the Char Dham Yatra starting next month.

The administration will deploy protocol officers and Badri Kedar Temple Committee nodal officers for the convenience of state guests and dignitaries for the Yatra, according to sources. However, the elaborate arrangements will not pose any trouble for the common devotees in visiting the shrine.

According to sources, this time VIP and VVIP pilgrims will be charged minimum fee for Darshan in Kedarnath. This system will start as soon as the portals open under the new SOP.

Meanwhile, Badrinath Kedar Temple Committee Chief Executive Officer Yogendra Singh told this daily, "The Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee is preparing guidelines for darshan in the Kedarnath Yatra starting April 25.

Under this, there has been a discussion about the deployment of separate officers for VVIPs, VIPs. Full care will be taken to ensure that common devotees do not face problem.

Chouhan announces monthly doles for women in election-bound MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched on his 64th birthday, the ambitious Mukyamantri Laadli Bahna Yojana – which will render ₹1,000 monthly (₹ 12,000 annual) support to financially weak women.

Launched eight months before the year-end assembly polls in the state, the scheme (for which ₹8,000 crore has been allocated in the recently presented MP annual budget) is being seen among political circles as possible game-changer for the ruling BJP and Shivraj Singh Chouhan government, amid perceived high anti-incumbency.

At the scheme's launch ceremony at Bhopal's Jamboree Maidan on Sunday, attended by a massive crowd of women from across the state, Chouhan also helped 32-year-old Bhopal resident Kavita Masteria, fill the first form of the scheme.

Sharing the scheme's details, the CM said, "Sisters aged between 23 and 60 years, hailing from families, whose annual income is below ₹2.5 lakh, who have less than 5 acres land and don't have any income tax payer, are eligible to be covered by the scheme."

MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Bhopal's Jamboree Maidan on Sunday | EXPRESS

Married, widow, divorced and abandoned women aged between 23 years and 60 years will be covered under the newly launched scheme. "Applications for the scheme will be filled from March 25 to April 30. The applications will be scrutinized in May and the first instalment will be deposited in the bank accounts of the beneficiary sisters on June 10. Those sisters who don't have bank accounts will also be helped."

While informing that special arrangements are being made to ensure that women don't face any problem in getting benefits of the scheme, the CM said "sisters won't need to go anywhere to apply for the scheme. Camps will be organized in every village and every ward and staff will be given the responsibility to help in filling the applications."

He further said that Laadli Bahna Sena will be formed in the state for protection of women and girls. He informed about new Mukyamantri Balika Scooty Yojana, under which each girl who secures first rank in Class XII in government schools, will get free E-Scooty from the government. The yojana launch event happened four days after the state government, presented the budget.

Silver coins discovered at Bengal village, dwellers go on looting spree

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

VILLAGERS in Bindol in North Dinajpur in West Bengal got lucky on Friday when a bowl stashed with silver coins of mid-19th century surfaced from a roadside ditch where some digging works were going on to construct a small bridge.

Labourers while digging a he road-side ditch discovered a bowl stashed with silver coins of mid-19th century. As the news of the bowl spread like wildfire, hundreds of locals rushed and looted the coins.

Only a few coins could be recovered by the local police when they reached the spot. According to police, the incident took place at Bindol village. "Many development works are being carried out before the upcoming panchayat elections. At Bindol, a small bridge was being constructed and for this labourers were digging the roadside ditch to collect additional soil required for the work," said an officer of a local police station. As the workers continued for two hours and kept digging the ditch, they discovered a sealed bowl. "They opened it up to be surprised that the container was full of silver coins with years of 19th century inscribed on it. The workers started shouting in joy which drew attention of others, both working in the project and people passing by," said the officer.

As the news spread fast, residents from Bindol village rushed to the spot within minutes and started collecting the coins as much as possible.

Got information late, claims the police

The police said they were informed late. "When we arrived there, the villagers left after looting the coins. We searched the place and collected three coins where 1816, 1862 and 1877 years were inscribed," said an officer. The police said the coins would be sent to Archaeological Survey of India to assess the antique value. They said they will conduct a probe into the looting.

"We were informed late. The place is 20-minute drive from the police station. When we arrived there, the villagers left after looting the coins. We searched the place and collected three coins where 1816, 1862 and 1877 were inscribed as years," said the officer.

The police said the coins would be sent to Archaeological Survey of India to assess the antique value of the coins.

Police also said they were conducting a probe into the looting.

Principal held for abuse of girl students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A case has been registered against four persons, including the principal of a residential missionary school, following allegations of molestation and physical torture of school's girl students by school staff in the tribal-dominated Dindori district of Madhya Pradesh.

One of the accused, the residential school's principal Nan Singh Yadav, has been arrested, while three other accused (one of them being a woman), including a priest, a nun and a guest teacher are on the run.

The incident came to light on Saturday, when a team of the MP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was inspecting schools in Dindori district. At least seven-eight girl students complained that they were subjected to corporal punishment by a nun. They also alleged that a male guest teacher often molested them and that they weren't given proper food and stay at the school-cum-hostel.

TOURISTS IN PARADISE

Tourists kept up with the picturesque Kashmir even during the harsh winter as a record 2.5 lakh visited the Valley in the first two months of this year. Last year 1,63,154 tourists visited the Valley during January-February. Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) Kashmir chapter president Zahoor Ahmad Qari said there has been good tourist footfall and the ski resort of Gulmarg is packed till March-end. | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

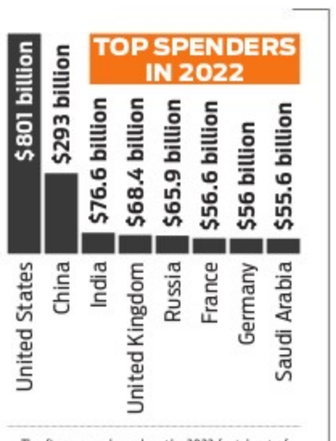
GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	23	3	TDS	Los Angeles	14	6	LC
Colombo	31	24	LC	Melbourne	24	14	HR
Dhaka	34	22	TDS	Moscow	-1	-7	HR
Dubai	29	18	SNY	New York	12	2	LC
Houston	28	21	SNY	Singapore	29	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	8	LC	Toronto	2	-3	LC
London	9	2	LC	Washington	14	6	LC

China ramps up military spending by 7.2%

Beijing raised its defence spending for 8th consecutive year; pegs economic growth at around 5% this year



The figures are based on the 2022 factsheet of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

BEIJING

CHINA said on Sunday its military spending would rise at the fastest pace in four years, warning of "escalating" threats from abroad at a meeting of its rubber-stamp parliament.

The increase in the world's second-largest defence budget came as Beijing announced an economic growth goal of around 5% for this year—one of its lowest in decades.

The country's planned budgets for the year put defence spending at 1.55 trillion yuan ($225 billion), a 7.2% rise and the quickest rate of increase since 2019. It officially rose 7.1% last year.

This is for the eighth consecutive year that China has announced a single-digit percentage point increase in its military budget.

Outgoing Premier Li Keqiang told delegates to the National People's Congress (NPC) that "external attempts to suppress and contain China are escalating."

"The armed forces should intensify military training and preparedness across the board," he said as he presented the government's annual work report to thousands of amassed delegates in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

The military must "devote greater energy to training under combat conditions, and... strengthen military work in all directions and domains," he added.

"They carried out operations in a firm and flexible way, and they effectively conducted major missions relating to border defence, maritime rights protection, counterterrorism and stability maintenance, disaster rescue and relief, Covid-19 response, peacekeeping, and merchant ship escorting," Li's work report said.

The reference to "major missions relating to border defence" was regarded as significant in the context of offensive actions by the PLA in Eastern Ladakh in May 2020 along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India, triggering a prolonged standoff that has virtually frozen the relations between the two countries.

Aided by the increasing defence budgets, the two-million-strong PLA, the world's largest military, is increasingly getting powerful as well as assertive with the ever-expanding military modernisation of its Army, Navy and Air Force. *Agencies*

Matvii Sotnichenko, 4, runs near a destroyed building in Horenka, outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine on Sunday | AP

Ukraine says Russia pursuing attempts to encircle Bakhmut

KYIV

KYIV said on Sunday it was holding off attacks from Russian troops still attempting to surround Bakhmut, a now-destroyed eastern Ukrainian city that Moscow has been trying to capture for months.

Ukraine has vowed to defend "fortress Bakhmut" but it has faced Russian troops determined to take the city that has turned into a political prize as the battle drags on.

The Ukrainian general staff said "more than 130 enemy attacks" had been repelled over the past day including in Kupiansk, Lyman, Bakhmut and Avdiivka. "The enemy continues its attempts to encircle the town of Bakhmut," it said on Sunday morning.

Bakhmut has been mostly reduced to rubble during the longest and bloodiest battle of the invasion.

Meanwhile, Russian shelling destroyed homes and killed one person in northern Ukraine's Kharkiv province, the region's governor said on Sunday, while fighting raged in the fiercely contested eastern city of Bakhmut.

The town of Kupiansk is about 30 kilometres from the Russian border; the region has come under frequent attacks even though Russian ground forces withdrew from the area nearly six months ago. Gov. Oleh Synyehubov said at least five homes were razed in the latest attack that left a 65-year-old man dead.

Two civilians were killed over the past day in Bakhmut, Donetsk province Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

In the southern Ukraine, a woman and two children were killed in a residential building in the Kherson region village of Poniativka, the Ukrainian president's office reported. A Russian artillery shell hit a car in Burdarky, another Kharkiv province village, killing a man and his wife, the regional prosecutor's office said.

Also, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Sunday his country is engaged in "intense efforts" to extend an agreement that allowed Ukraine to export grain from its Black Sea ports. The deal, which the UN and Turkey brokered in July 2022 and was extended by four months in November, is set to expire on March 18. *Agencies*

Guatemala journalists protest threat to free speech

Journalists in Guatemala took to the streets on Saturday to warn that free speech was under threat in the country after a judge opened an inquiry into several reporters

PROTEST OVER INVESTIGATION

In a bold challenge to the government, protesters waved banners reading "We will not be silenced," and "Without journalism, there is no democracy"

The protests followed a judge's decision to investigate journalists and columnists for the investigative newspaper *El Periodico*, which has published reports on state corruption

Journalists and members of the Guatemalan Civil Society take part in a sit-in against the threat to freedom of expression in Guatemala City | AFP

WAVE OF OUTRAGE

At the Tuesday hearing, the judge accepted a prosecutor's request that eight other members of Zamora's staff also be investigated

That sparked a wave of outrage at local and international level

On Thursday, the government of US President Joe Biden expressed its concern about the investigations

"We urge the Guatemalan justice system to reject the criminalisation of independent journalists and support independent journalism," said a statement from the State Department

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE FOUNDER

On Tuesday, the judge opened a second criminal proceeding against the founder of that outlet, Jose Ruben Zamora, for conspiracy to obstruct justice

The indictment alleges that he tried to stop a money-laundering investigation against him in 2021

Zamora, who has won several international press awards for his paper's investigative journalism, has already spent eight months in pre-trial detention

Sunak plans tough new law against illegal migration

LONDON

UK PM Rishi Sunak on Sunday announced a clamp down on illegal migration with a new proposed law to tackle the issue of migrants crossing over into the UK illegally and dangerously in small boats from across the English Channel.

Along with his Indian-origin Home Secretary Suella Braverman, the Sunak-led government is now planning to table the legislation in Parliament next week to address the issue.

"Make no mistake, if you come here illegally, you will not be able to stay," Sunak told the *Sunday Express* newspaper.

"I have made the issue of illegal migration one of my top five priorities, pledging to stop the boats once and for all. Illegal migration is not fair on British taxpayers, it is not fair on those who come here legally and it is not right that criminal gangs should be allowed to continue their immoral trade. I'm determined to deliver on my promise to stop the boats," he said.

It is hoped the new law will stop activist lawyers using the right to family life and legislation created to combat modern slavery to stop their clients being deported.

Braverman wrote in the *Sun on Sunday* to say "enough is enough" and that the British people want the issue solved.

"They're sick of tough talk and inadequate action. We must stop the boats. That's why myself and the Prime Minister have been working flat out to bring forward effective laws which will tackle this problem, once and for all," she writes.

She added, "So far, Labour has opposed every effort to bring a stop to illegal migration. They are not serious about tackling the issue that is only becoming more serious and allows criminal gangs to exploit vulnerable people..." *PTI*

Poisonings target more schools in Iran

DUBAI

A crisis over suspected poisonings targeting Iranian schoolgirls escalated on Sunday as authorities acknowledged over 50 schools were struck in a wave of possible cases. The poisonings have spread further fear among parents.

It remains unclear who or what is responsible since the alleged poisonings began in November in Qom. Reports now suggest schools across 21 of Iran's 30 provinces have seen suspected cases, with girls' schools the site of nearly all the incidents.

The attacks have raised fears that other girls could be poisoned apparently just for going to school. Education for girls has never been challenged in the over 40 years since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi on Saturday said without elaborating that investigators had recovered "suspicious samples" in the course of their investigations into the incidents, as per *IRNA*. He called for calm among the public, while also accusing the "enemy's media terrorism" of inciting more panic over the alleged poisonings.

Vahidi said at least 52 schools had been affected by suspected poisonings. Iranian media reports have put the number of schools at over 60. At least one boy's school reportedly has been affected. *AP*

Nikki takes a dig at Bush, Trump and Biden, criticises them for US' debt

WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN presidential aspirant Nikki Haley has hit out at two former US presidents from her party—George W Bush and Donald Trump—for massive spending and adding $10 trillion to America's national debt.

She also slammed President Joe Biden for his record-breaking spending, which she said would add $20 trillion to the national debt in 10 years.

Haley said when she was elected governor of North Carolina in 2010, the national debt stood at $13 trillion.

"Thirteen years later, we are at more than $31 trillion. And

because of Joe Biden, we will add $20 trillion more to the national debt in the next 10 years," said Haley.

Haley went on to criticise the two previous Republican presidents—Bush and Trump—without naming them. "Lots of Republican politicians love spending and wasting taxpayer money almost as much as Democrats. The last two Republican presidents added more than $10 trillion to the national debt. Think about that. A third of our debt happened under just two Republicans," she said.

Haley also alleged that Biden's platform for 2024 can basically be summed up as "spend even more, tax even more and let the children figure out how to deal with it."

"The only thing Joe Biden should be allowed to spend is more time in retirement. Every dollar we take out of the economy makes our people poorer," she said.

The Congress is not far behind, she noted. *PTI*

RIOTS ON THE STREET

Police operate against protesters during clashes in Athens, Greece on Sunday following the train accident on Feb 28 | AP

Estonian election: Ukraine, economy top the agenda

TALLINN

VOTERS in Estonia cast ballots on Sunday in a parliamentary election that the center-right Reform Party of PM Kaja Kallas, one of Europe's most outspoken supporters of Ukraine, was considered a favourite to win.

Kallas faces a challenge from the far-right populist EKRE party, which seeks to limit the Baltic nation's exposure to the Ukraine crisis and blames the current government for Estonia's high inflation rate.

Nine political parties in all fielded candidates for Estonia's 101-seat parliament, or Riigikogu. Over 900,000 people were eligible to vote in the general election. Preliminary election results are expected by today. National security in the wake of neighbouring Russia's invasion of Ukraine and socio-economic issues, particularly the rising cost of living, were main campaign themes.

Polls indicated Kallas' party was likely to win the most votes in Sunday's election. EKRE party leader Martin Helme, the prime minister's main challenger, faults Kallas for the country's inflation rate of 18.6%, one of the EU's highest, and accuses her of undermining Estonia's defences by giving weapons to Ukraine. *AP*

ROYAL CONFESSION

Felt different from other family members: Harry

LONDON

PRINCE Harry reportedly revealed he has long felt "slightly different" to the rest of Britain's royal family in an interview on Saturday with a trauma expert.

In a wide-ranging discussion with Dr Gabor Mate, Harry described himself as coming from a "broken home" and said he was trying not to pass "trauma" onto his children.

"I certainly have felt throughout my life, my younger years, I felt slightly different to the rest of my family," Harry told Mate, as per numerous media reports on the interview.

"I felt strange being in this container, and I know that my mum felt the same so it makes sense to me," he added.

Harry went on to credit his wife Meghan Markle for having "saved" him. "I was stuck in this world, and she was from a different world and helped draw me out of that," he said, describing her as "an exceptional human being."

During the conversation, Mate—the author of several books on trauma, addiction and illness—publicly diagnosed Harry with attention deficit disorder (ADD).

Summarising the prince's life, which has included losing his mother at the age of 12 and later serving with Britain's armed forces in Afghanistan, Mate said there was "a lot of trauma and suffering."

Meanwhile, Harry and Meghan have been invited to King Charles III's landmark coronation in May but are yet to decide whether to attend.

"An immediate decision on whether the Duke and Duchess [of Sussex] will attend will not be disclosed by us at this time," their representative added, using their formal titles. *AFP*

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>
> Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

3 missing; Prez meets victims of depot fire

Indonesian rescuers and firefighters on Sunday searched for three people who were still missing after a large fire spread from a fuel storage depot in the capital and killed at least 19 people. Indonesian President Joko Widodo visited the fire-hit areas on Sunday to reassure people that the government would help those in need. Widodo said he has ordered the minister of state-owned enterprises and the Jakarta governor to immediately find a way to relocate residents away from the fuel storage area. "Not only in here, but all state-owned vital objects must be audited and re-evaluated to determine a safe buffer zone for the community, because this involves human life," Widodo told reporters

MALAYSIA

Total number of flood victims reaches 50,596

Around 20,000 more people have been rescued from Batu Pahat due to floods and are now placed in 73 temporary relief centres. On Sunday, the Johor Disaster Management Committee said, "There are 19,883 victims relocated in Batu Pahat...The total number of victims is 50,596 people, up from 49,450 people four hours ago"

THAILAND

Export values in January shrank to 4.5%

The exports of Thailand are expected to slow this year amidst the global economic conditions. Export figures have been shrinking since the end of 2022 and the total export value contracted by 4.5% in January. However, the Ministry of Commerce still targets for a 1-2% overall expansion in 2023. Deputy Commerce Minister Sinit Lertkrai reported on exports for January 2023, when the value of exports totaled $20.249 billion. This marked a decline of 4.5% from January 2022 and was the fourth consecutive month of contraction. All export categories recorded declines, *NNT* reported. The minister said the inflation has prompted trade partners to delay their purchase orders for the new goods

$2 bn worth of Adani Group's foreign-currency bonds coming up for repayment in 2024, as per a presentation the conglomerate made to investors

Luring investors into 'pump-and-dump' using social media

Pump-and-dump is not a new phenomenon, earlier it was done through word-of-mouth, now social media is new tool to peddle fake advice

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

THE recent crackdown of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on some YouTube channels and individuals has once again brought the issue of fooling retail investors to the fore. It was a classic case of pump-and-dump, where retail investors lost money due to share price manipulation.

Last week, Sebi barred 45 entities from the securities market for manipulating share prices of two companies through uploading misleading videos on YouTube channels. The cases were related to recommending investors to buy the shares of Sadhna Broadcast Ltd and Sharpline Broadcast.

What is a pump-and-dump scheme

This is not the first time when retail investors were tricked into the pump-and-dump scheme. In this old and time-tested trick, some individuals spread false information about a company in which they already have made a significant investment. Claiming to be an expert or privy to some insider information about the company, the so-called expert lures investors to buy shares of the firm. This is done via popular social media platforms like YouTube, Instagram and others.

Falling prey to such claims, investors buy shares that in turn fuel rally in the price of stocks. Once the share prices rise, manipulators book profit by selling (dumping) their investments in the firm, leading to a crash in the shares, leaving retail investors high and dry.

How to spot stock manipulators

The growing popularity of social media has led to rise of 'finfluencers', a word coined for financial influencers. They offer advice on financial topics like stock trading, personal finance and mutual funds. It is not easy to distinguish between a genuine expert and a stock manipulator but experts say there are certain characteristics retail investors should look out for to spot a fraudster.

"Pump-and-dump is not a new phenomenon, earlier it was done through word-of-mouth, now social media is used to peddle fake advice. If someone is claiming a success rate of 80-90% for his investment strategy, then investors need to be alert. In the current circumstances, the general rule for retail investors is to 'be sceptical, not greedy'," Tejas Khoday, co-founder and CEO of Fyers, a broking-tech platform, told this newspaper. If someone promises unrealistic returns or guaranteed money back, it should ring alarm bells for investors. There are some words that investors should know to identify stock manipulators.

"Use of aggressive words like buy now, tip, double your money, earn crores etc should raise a red flag. In stock markets, nobody can guarantee returns, if such claims are made, investors should be cautious. One should look for a proper corporate structure of the entity and should be cautious if there is no legal structure of the entity," said Divam Sharma, founder at Green Portfolio PMS. "If the entity is not a Sebi-registered alternative investment fund, portfolio management service, mutual fund, or any such regulated fund, one should not give the credit of funds to other bank accounts to manage. An unregulated advisor asking for your funds to be credited to his account is illegal," he added. Also, investors should not equate popularity with expertise. "One must understand that popularity alone is not synonymous with expertise. Several money managers have an established track record of high credibility but may not be popular. At the same time, many popular ones may not necessarily be masters of their craft," said Nirav Karkera, head of research, Fisdom.

Finding the genuine advice

While the Internet is flooded with 'free advice', it is challenging to find a genuine expert whose focus is to educate viewers and not to lure them into some shady scheme.

"Sebi registration is very important. One can cross-verify the registration details on Sebi website. One can validate genuineness of the advisor by cross validating the presence and reviews on other social media platforms or search. Rather than simply going by promises, one should understand the investment philosophy, possibility of such promised returns, track record and qualification of the advisor. One should understand the disclaimers on personal holdings of the social media advisor," added Divam Sharma. Retail investors can protect themselves from manipulators by doing bit of research about firms and it is neither time-consuming nor complex. Internet has all the answers and information needed to make right investment decisions.

"Internet is full of useful information and investors can use them to find investment-worthy companies. Investors should look for trend in profit of a company in the the past few years, the level of debt on the company's balance sheet, and some basic ratios like price-to-earnings and price-to-book ratios. By doing a little bit of research, retail investors will be able to find investment-worthy companies," said Khoday.

Things to watch out for spotting stock manipulation

- Claiming a high success rate of 80-90% for investment strategy
- No or improper description of YouTube channel
- Giving a very high target price for a share in short duration
- Use of terms such as buy now, earn crores, double your money
- Promising guaranteed returns on investment
- Claiming to have a tip or insider information about a company

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

MONEY MATTERS

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FINANCIAL ADVICE AND KNOWLEDGE

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

THE recent order from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) over price manipulation in two companies that barred many others, including film personalities, could be an eye-opener. It brings us to a fundamental issue inour understanding of money.

When it comes to financial planning, you come across a lot of information that suggests buying or selling assets. The most important difference to know is between financial knowledge and financial advice. Somebody you know who has sound financial knowledge need not be an advisor. At the same time, someone who is a professional advisor may or may not be knowledgeable about all things related to finance.

Financial advice refers to specific recommendations or guidance by a financial professional or advisor on managing your finances. The financial advisor may suggest specific investments or financial products and provide ongoing monitoring and management of your portfolio. You must understand that the remuneration or the payment to your financial advisor is primarily through product manufacturers like mutual funds, insurance companies or banks. These companies reach out to financial advisors just like pharmaceutical companies reach out to doctors. When a doctor prescribes a drug to treat you, the idea is to get you back on your feet. It does not matter to you what company makes it as long as the drug formulation takes care of your condition. But at the back end, big pharma companies spend much money engaging doctors and distributors.

Similarly, financial advisors would help you with a solution to solve your saving and investing problems. As long as your problems are solved, you may not bother about how distributors or independent financial advisorsget compensated.

The problem happens when you wander into the financial advisory ecosystem. Many certified financial advisors create videos on investor education. They distribute them on YouTube or Instagram Reels and dish out advice on upcoming initial public offerings or new mutual funds. Just like any new product or service, there are analysts making sense of these new products on social media.

When a new mutual fund or an IPO is launched, a budget is allocated to push the IPO to investors. So, besides the static advertisements informing you about the company and the IPO, videos are made to analyse the prospects for such new offerings. There is a good chance that your financial advisor could also benefit from bringing followers on social media or subscriptions.

On the other hand, financial knowledge refers to a general understanding of financial concepts, principles, and practices. This knowledge can come from various sources, including education, experience, and research. Financial knowledge can help you to make informed decisions about finances and can also help you understand and evaluate the financial advice you may receive.

While financial advice and knowledge are unrelated, they are not the same. Financial advice is specific and tailored to the individual, while financial knowledge is more general and applicable to a broader range of financial situations. Financial knowledge and access to reliable financial advice are essential to make informed decisions about your finances.

To know about the credibility of financial advice, you will have to check the registration details of the person dishing it out. Most credible advisors will put out their registration information and regulatory affiliation. You must listen to recommendations from only certified financial planners and advisors.

For the credibility of financial knowledge, you must rely on established media resources. If an individual is sharing information or views, look for sources of information. Any media resource must use credible sources only. Do not fall for any online information offering to give you 'tips' or 'inside information' that guarantees any return. Even regulated or certified financial advisors cannot make such promises. If they are doing so, they are violating the law.

MONEY-WISE

SPOTLIGHT ON MULTI-CAP FUNDS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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IN the last column, we commenced a discussion on Multi Cap Funds. In this column, we shall turn the Spotlight on some of the funds in this category. These include, ICICI Prudential Multi Cap Fund, Invesco India Multi Cap Fund, Nippon India Multi Cap Fund, Quant Active Fund and Sundaram Multi Cap Fund.

ICICI Prudential Multi Cap Fund has an AUM of ₹6,947 crore and its current Asset Allocation mix is almost 95 per cent in Equity and 5 per cent in Cash or Cash-equivalents. Within the SEBI stipulated holding pattern, in recent times, this fund has had maximum weightage in Large Cap Stocks and minimum in Small Cap stocks. The top holdings are in the Banks, Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology and Finance Sectors. The returns recorded by this fund over a 3-year, 5-year and 7-year time period are 16.24 per cent, 10.68 per cent and 14.49 per cent respectively.

Invesco India Multi Cap Fund has an AUM of Rs. 2,369 crore and its current Asset Allocation mix is almost 96 percent in Equity and 4 per cent in Cash or Cash-equivalents. Within the SEBI stipulated holding pattern its maximum weighted average holding in recent times has been in large caps and minimum in small caps. The top holdings of this fund are in the Banks, Industrial Products and IT Software Sectors. The returns recorded by this fund over a 3-year, 5-year and 7-year time period are 14.12 per cent, 9.31 per cent and

14.18 per cent respectively.

Nippon India Multi Cap Fund has an AUM of Rs. 14,030 crore and its current Asset Allocation mix is almost 98 percent in Equity and 2 per cent in Cash or Cash-equivalents. Within the SEBI stipulated holding pattern its maximum weighted average holding in recent times has been in large caps and minimum in small caps. The top holdings of this fund are in the Banks, Finance and IT-Software Sectors. The returns recorded by this fund over a 3-year, 5-year and 7-year time period are 18.40 per cent, 11.74 per cent and 15.11 per cent respectively.

Quant Active Fund has an AUM of Rs. 3,556 crore and its current Asset Allocation mix is almost 96 percent in Equity and 4 per cent in Cash or Cash-equivalents. Within the SEBI stipulated holding pattern its maximum weighted average holding in recent times has been in large caps and minimum in small caps. The fund's top holdings are in the Banks, FMCG, Cement and Cement Products and Telecom services Sectors. The returns recorded by this fund over a 3-year, 5-year and 7-year time period are 30.23 per cent, 18.40 per cent and 20.46 respectively.

Sundaram Multi Cap Fund has an AUM of Rs. 1,804 crore and its current Asset Allocation mix is almost 96 percent Equity and 4 per cent in Cash or Cash-equivalents. Within the SEBI stipulated holding pattern its maximum weighted average holding in recent times has been in large caps and minimum in small caps. The fund's top holdings are in the Banks, Consumer Durables and IT Software Sectors. The returns recorded by this fund over a 3-year, 5-year and 7-year time period are 14.89 per cent, 8.42 per and 15.51 per cent respectively.

Like all Equity Mutual funds, Multi Cap Funds too need to be viewed and held as long term investments to derive optimal benefit.

Why Sebi yet to get to bottom of Mauritius funds: Rajan

PTI @ New Delhi

FORMER RBI governor Raghuram Rajan has asked why Sebi has not yet got to the bottom of ownership of four Mauritius-based funds who are said to have parked 90 per cent of their $6.9 billion in Adani group stocks, saying does the market regulator need help of probe agencies for this?

The funds -- Elara India Opportunities Fund, Cresta Fund, Albula Investment Fund and APMS Investment Fund -- have been under cloud for last couple of years after allegations that they may be shell firms. They came into focus once again in January when a US short seller alleged Adani Group used offshore shell firms to inflate stock price. Adani Group has repeatedly denied all allegations.

"The issue is of reducing non-transparent links between government and business, and of letting, indeed encouraging, regulators do their job. Why has Sebi not yet got to the bottom of the ownership of those Mauritius funds which have been holding and trading Adani stock? Does it need help from the investigative agencies?," Rajan asked. Since funds are registered in tax haven Mauritius, their ownership structure is opaque. Cresta, Albula and Elara have been subject to at least one probe for alleged round-tripping. Hindenburg Research in a January 24 report accused Adani group of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud" and using a number of offshore shell firms to inflate stock prices. The group has denied all allegations, calling them "malicious", "baseless" and a "calculated attack on India". Private businesses and family companies should be encouraged but there should be a level playing field for everyone, he said in an email interview to PTI.

EXPRESS READ

BoB cuts home loan rates by 40 bps to 8.50%

NEW DELHI: Bank of Baroda on Sunday announced reduction in home loan interest rates by 40 basis points (bps) to 8.5% per annum. Further, the bank has reduced its MSME loan rates starting at 8.4% per annum. Both offers effect from March 5 and are valid till March 31. BoB said it is offering 100% waiver on processing fee on home loans and 50% processing charges waiver on MSME loans. *ENS*

CAMS acquires majority stake in Think Analytics

CHENNAI: Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS), technology infrastructure and services provider for financial services industry, has announced acquisition of a majority stake in Think Analytics India (Think360 AI), a full-stack AI and data sciences firm, which provides innovative solutions using digital technologies like advanced analytics, AI/ML and mobile & cloud computing. *ENS*

'India needs its own resources to fund start-ups'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THIS is the high time when India should create indigenous sources to finance its start-ups, science and technology minister Jitendra Singh has said.

Speaking at The New Indian Express Delhi Dialogues event, he said dependence of foreign investors for start-up funding leads to outflow of money to other countries. He added that the country needs to find ways to not only fund its own businesses but overseas businesses too.

"Indian start-ups need to look for more indigenous sources to finance their businesses than depending upon foreign investors for funding. India has the potential to even fund foreign start-ups and the country has huge agricultural resources," Singh opined when asked about the concerns raised by start-ups for removing the exemption of angel tax on foreign investors in the recently announced Budget 2023-24. He said start-ups need not to hook on to IT as the country has a

huge agricultural resource too and for agri-tech start-ups, angel tax on foreign investors is not much of relevance.

Singh said that there are apprehensions in many quarters about the start-up space where there is foreign investment as the global recession looms large over many countries.

"Wherever I go, I emphasise upon the need for indian resources, which are yet unexplored. We have a huge agritech start-up movement. I know we will be having same scenario when we will be funding outsiders.

In addition, with regard to giving impetus to research and development in the country, Singh said, "Funding, enabling provisions, doing away with unnecessary formalities and alternative means of finding where private players come in are required to improve research and development in the country."With the globalisation, Singh said in the times to come, this demarcation between foreign and domestic investors would also go away whether we like it or not, as the world has to grow and that too as one. "Now, even the scientific delegations which are coming to India are coming with the industry representatives, which was not seen even three years ago," the minister stated.

He stressed upon the need of synergy between the public and private players from the day the start-up idea is conceived. On recently launched Vaibhav Fellowship for the improvement of research ecosystem in India, Singh said through this scheme Indian diaspora's best of mind can collaborate with domestic minds to deliver world class projects and products.

Verstappen starts with a bang in Bahrain

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix in an emphatic fashion on Sunday. The reigning world champ, who started from pole position, dominated the proceedings to finish ahead of teammate Sergio Perez. Fernando Alonso, making his debut for Aston Martin, had a day to remember as he took the final spot on the podium. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished fourth ahead of seven-time world champ Lewis Hamilton.

Will always be part of sports: Emotional Sania bids last goodbye

SUMANJALI MUMMANA
@ Hyderabad

There was quite a sprinkling of stars. Some of her closest buddies from the circuit were on the court and celebrities and ministers were off it. All converged into the Lala Bahadur Stadium in Hyderabad to watch their most loved and famous woman's player appearing in her last match. The same venue where she won her first Women's Tennis Association (WTA) singles title close to two decades ago. The eclectic crowd made some noise when Sania Mirza, who wanted to bid adieu to the sport that gave her so much at home, entered the arena.

The ensemble too was on familiar lines. Sania had some of her former doubles mates in attendance and they came together to play a few hits and rallies for one last time. There was her former mixed doubles mates Croatian Ivan Dodig and Rohan Bopanna, one of her closest friends Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Cara Black and Marion Bartoli. They played matches for the audience too.

In the stands were some former international players, celebrities and ministers (Union and state) too. It was Yuvraj Singh who received a huge roar. He paired up with Bethanie

against Sania and Ivan for an exhibition tie.

'Happy tears' flowed once again as Sania talked about her career and thanked her fans. "I'm grateful for all that I've been able to achieve in my career, I couldn't be more grateful being here with my family, my best friends and my fans who have supported me all along."

Several celebrities, bureaucrats and political leaders such as CV Anand, Dulquer Salmaan, Kiren Rijiju, Jayesh Ranjan were present. Her son Ishan and parents too were present.

It was an understandably emotional moment for Sania as she began her speech by saying, "It's been one amazing ride, representing my country is an achievement in itself and I'll always be thankful for the support I've received throughout my 20-plus years career. I'm only retiring as a player, but will always be a part of Indian sports and tennis."

1) Sania Mirza with Cara Black, Marion Bartoli, Bethani Mattek-Sands, Ivan Dodig and Rohan Bopanna at the Lala Bahadur Stadium in Hyderabad on Sunday. **2)** Yuvraj Singh was also present during the occasion | VINAY MADAPU

INDORE STANDS OUT

Steeped in history on and off the cricketing field, 'cleanest city of country' looks a part

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Indore

YOU only need to spend a few hours in Indore to know that this city is clean. Like, real spick and span clean. Sure, last October this city was awarded 'the cleanest city of India' for a sixth year in a row but seeing is actually believing. Most other Indian cities, divided by size, demography, topography and region, are unified in that two most innate of Indian things; paan stains and stench of urine. Indore, which hosted the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in January, is free of both.

In other ways, though, the umbilical cord is firmly in place. Most Indian cities have localities or roads after former leaders, politicians or figureheads; the ubiquitous Mahatma Gandhi Road is present. Next to it, a busy intersection is named after Veer Sawarkar. One of the boards on top of the intersection suggests a Nehru Nagar is nearby. A stone's away from the Veer Sawarkar Square is Chappan Bhog, a food street closed for vehicular traffic. A '#WE <3 Modi', in stencil art and big font size, invites people to treat one part of the place as an instagrammable spot. If Chappan Bhog is the city's gentle food heartbeat in the mornings, in the nights, it is the Sarafa Bazaar, situated next to the Rajwada Palace (a historic royal residence). As long as you are vegetarian, your palate will party all night long (you get everything from tandoori chai to a Burj Khalifa dosai).

The umbilical cord is also visible for the city's love of cricket. It is not really a surprise considering the place's heritage, history and heft in relation to cricket. The Holkar teams were a dominant force in the domestic game in the 40s and 50s. Syed Mushtaq Ali, the country's first overseas Test centurion, was born and brought up here. Janardhan Navle, first Indian to face a ball in Tests, played for Holkar. CK Nayudu, India's first Test captain, played most of his cricket in Indore. Denis Compton, English cricketer and footballer, represented Holkar during his time in India. More recently, Sachin Tendulkar scored his 10000th run in ODIs at the old Nehru Stadium. The side's current coach, Rahul Dravid, was born in Indore. Narendra Hirwani, who represented Madhya Pradesh for

All the cricketing history has been neatly preserved by the MPCA. Gate named in honour of former India & MP player Narendra Hirwani at Holkar Stadium in Indore. Various stands have been named after former India greats | SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

over two decades, still holds the record for best figures by a bowler on Test debut (16/136). Raj Singh Dungarpur, the former BCCI president, was a product of the city's Daly College.... this is certainly not an exhaustive list.

All this cricketing history has not just been preserved by the state body, Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA). They have actively displayed it front and centre, setting an example for the next generation of kids who want to be inspired. The stadium is named after the team that won multiple Ranji titles around the period when India secured independence from the British (the team got its name from the dynasty that ruled the region more than a few centuries ago). Even the stands and the gates around the Holkar Stadium are a celebration of former cricketers, a departure from the norm of naming things after administrators or politicians or leaders.

MPCA secretary, Sanjeev Rao, picks up the story. "The idea came up when we were in the finishing stages of building the new stadium," he tells this daily. "The committee decided in its wisdom to name the stands after the Holkars and the other great Indian players after Sanjay Jagdale convinced them to do so." You walk around the periphery of the stadium and that much is evident. There's a Hirwani gate. A Sunil Gavaskar stand. An Ajit Wadekar stand. A Kapil Dev stand. A Sachin Tendulkar stand.

Why? "The west stands are named after various Indian cricketing greats and the east stands are named after various members of the great Holkar teams (Chandu Sarwate, Hiralal Gaekwad and so on). Naming the gates and stands in their names definitely would motivate the youngsters and give them a filip that they can also walk in the shoes of their predecessors, that's the idea."

When you are in the ground, you get a better picture but to get a 360 view of the ground is to also live in a history book of Indian cricket. The Anil Kumble stand is face to face with the Gaekwad stand. Gavaskar. Kapil Dev. The Mushtaq Ali pavilion. The Tendulkar stand. Not to mention the fact that the home dressing room is named after Dravid, with the away one named after MAK Pataudi, who was born in Bhopal. There is also a lovely touch in naming the commentary box after Sushil Doshi, the first international commentator from Indore. Likewise, the Press Box takes its name from Prabhash Joshi, a cricket writer and journalist.

Writing in an MPCA newsletter in August 2012, cricket historian, professor SP Chaturvedi, listed out the reasons for not selling the space. "... most Associations have sold off their places for monetary gains but we have preferred to preserve them for our cricket heroes," Chaturvedi, currently part of the 'Library and Museum Committee' of the MPCA, had written then." It holds true more than a decade later. After the Test ended on Friday, there was a small function held in the outfield to celebrate a joyous occasion. Indore had quietly punched above its weight to host international games featuring India in all three formats in one season (South Africa in T20I, New Zealand in ODI).

With the World Cup coming around in October, don't be surprised if the BCCI decides to give Indore a few games. Around that time, Indore will, in all likelihood, pick up a seventh straight award for being clean.

Tara-fic journey: Born in the USA, shining in India

GOMESH S @ Chennai

TARA Norris is the talk of the town in India on Sunday. A fifer in her first game of the Women's Premier League against Royal Challengers Bangalore (5/29) — with Ellyse Perry, Richa Ghosh and Heather Knight among her victims — helped Delhi Capitals register a massive 60-run win at the Brabourne Stadium. And why not? After all, she is the lone associate nation (USA) player in the 2023 WPL.

When Delhi Capitals safely secured her in the WPL auction almost a month ago, it was considered a steal. She is a new-ball swing bowler, bowls left-arm, and had put her name up on the docket as a USA national — Norris had made her USA debut in October 2021. What more, her selection meant, DC became the only team that could field five overseas players in a XI. According to the rules, a team can play one additional overseas player if she is from an associate nation.

As Norris ran through RCB's star-studded middle-order, social media went haywire. An USA representative flying the associate nations' flag high in the biggest stage for a women's T20 competition — the fairytale story that anyone could have asked for. However, there is more to it.

Born in Philadelphia, USA, Norris never thought she would play for the USA, leave alone the WPL until 2020. Growing up, Norris had moved to England at eight. In the domestic set up there, she rose through the ranks quickly — played for Sussex at 15, was the second-leading wicket-taker in the inaugural Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy in 2020 representing Southern Vipers.

Tara Norris celebrates a wicket during the match against RCB | SPORTZPICS

UP SNATCH LAST-OVER VICTORY WITH GRACE

Despite Kim Garth's fifer, Kiran Navgire (53 from 43) and Grace Harris (26-ball 59 n.o) smashed fifties, helping UP Warriorz defeat Gujarat Giants by three wickets in a thriller at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai. **Brief scores:** GG 169/6 (Deol 46) lost to UPW 175/7 in 19.5 ovs (Harris 59 n.o, Navgire 53; Garth 5/36)

Then came The Hundred that changed her life.

When asked to provide some background on her journey in the lead up to the tournament, Norris shared her background and where she was born. It caught the eye of former Australia international Julia Price, who was then the USA coach. Price got in touch with Norris through Charlotte Edwards and the rest, as the social media buzzed on Sunday, was just a fairytale journey "She (Price) asked if I could get my passport renewed, which was about 20 years out of date. About four weeks later, I was on a flight to San Francisco with absolutely no idea what was going to happen," Norris told The Cricketer recently.

What happened later? Norris made her USA debut in October 2021 during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Americas Region Qualifier, taking four wickets in five matches at an economy of 1.72. She represented USA in the Fairbreak T20, got an England A call-up in June 2022, missed the main Qualifiers for USA due to representative commitments in England, reached the final of The Hundred 2022 with Southern Brave, got picked at the WPL auction for ₹10 lakh as a USA player and now, she is the player of the match on debut in the second match of the tournament.

"I never thought I'd have an opportunity like this in my career so this has been absolutely amazing. The fact that I got a chance to play and having to bowl has been awesome," Norris said after the match.

It should not come as a surprise if Norris gets to play for England in the near future and when it happens, she will not come into the WPL as an "associate player". But her story isn't about that. Norris' journey is about taking a leap of faith in pursuit for opportunities and making the most of it when she got it. That is exactly what she did on Sunday. And even if she comes back to WPL as an England player in the coming years, she has shown the world enough to get picked irrespective of who she represents.

Brief scores: DC 223/2 (Shafali 84, Lanning 72, Kapp 39*) bt RCB 163/8 (Mandhana 35, Norris 5/29).

FAMILIAR FOES MEET

The rivalry between two franchises captained by two superstars of Indian cricket is not new for the league. A look at the key match-ups...

RUN-FEST ON CARDS?

The boundaries have been brought in 5m, but that is not the sole reason for the high scores. Unlike the past and domestic pitches for the women, the surfaces have been belters and are likely to be the same through the season. With MI's show on opening the day and a wounded RCB batting line-up, Brabourne Stadium could see plenty of runs.

WILL SHREYANKA PLAY?

RCB went for the left-handed option in Kanika Ahuja, but used Heather Knight as 7th bowling option instead of the off-spinning all-rounder. Will they stick with Ahuja, who didn't get to bowl, or bring in someone like Shreyanka Patil, an attacking offie who can control the flow of runs if need be, especially against Mumbai who have a deep batting line-up.

MATTHEWS VS MANDHANA BATTLE

Hayley Matthews might have stolen the show with the bat on Saturday, but don't be surprised if she does the same with the new ball on Monday. She will be an interesting match-up against Smriti Mandhana at the top. RCB have their stars in the middle, but they will need their skipper to win this battle after the early defeat.

RCB VS MI, Brabourne Stadium • Live on Sports18 Networks, 7.30 PM

EXPRESS READ

Paris Oly tickets viewed as too pricey

PARIS: Around four out of five French people think tickets for the 2024 Paris Olympics are too expensive, a poll showed Sunday. A total 82 per cent of respondents said that tickets for the games were "not accessible in terms of price", according to a survey from the Odoxa polling group for the RTL media group and sports betting firm Winamax.

De Minaur clinches Mexico Open crown

ACAPULCO: Australia's Alex de Minaur beat Tommy Paul of the United States in three sets on Saturday to win the Mexican Open in Acapulco. The 24-year-old de Minaur fought back after dropping the opening set to clinch the seventh title of his professional career with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory. The victory was the seventh title of de Minaur's career and his first in an ATP 500 event.

Pramod Bhagat settles for silver

MADRID: Ace shuttler Pramod Bhagat settled for a silver medal in singles and a bronze in the mixed doubles at the Spanish Para-Badminton International Toledo 2023. He lost 6-21, 18-21 to England's Daniel Bethell. In the mixed doubles semifinal, Bhagat and Manisha Ramdass lost 17-21 13-21 to France's Lucas Mazur and Faustine Noel.

RoI beat MP to clinch Irani Cup

AGENCIES @ Gwalior

REST of India extended their dominance in the Irani Cup with a 238-run drubbing of Madhya Pradesh on the final day of the season-ending match here on Sunday.

Set an imposing target of 437, the hosts — last season's Ranji Trophy champions — were all out for 198 in their second innings on the fifth and final day at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium.

At stumps on the penultimate day, MP were 81 for 2, needing 356 on the last day to win their maiden Irani title.

Brief scores: RoI 484 & 246 **bt** MP 294 & 198 (Mantri 51, Gawli 48; Saurabh 3/60).

Cody Red as Liverpool hit seven past Man United

AGENCIES @ London

LIVERPOOL put up a scintillating display on Sunday to inflict heavy defeat against arch-rivals Manchester United in the Premier League at Anfield. The Reds won 7-0. That is incidently the joint-heaviest defeat Man United have suffered in any competition ever.

Recent signing Cody Gakpo, Darwin Nunez and Mohamed Salah score two goals each. Roberto Firmino put the icing on the cake with the seventh goal. Salah also become Liverpool's record scorer in the league with 129 goals, overtaking Robbie Fowler's goal tally of 128. With this win, Liverpool boosted their chances of securing a top-four spot. They climbed to fifth spot and are three points behind fourth-placed Tottenham Hotspur. Liverpool have a game in hand over Spurs though.

Liverpool players celebrate Cody Gakpo's first goal against Man United | AP

Earlier, Brennan Johnson struck twice to earn Nottingham Forest a vital 2-2 draw against fellow strugglers Everton in the battle for survival.

Steve Cooper's side trailed to Demarai Gray's early penalty at the City Ground on Sunday before Johnson popped up with the equaliser. Abdoulaye Doucoure put Everton back in front, but Johnson rescued Forest when he netted again late in the second half.

Forest are unbeaten in their last nine league home games and sit four points clear of the relegation zone. "Both teams were going for it but the referee has had too much involvement really," Cooper said. "It's a pity things like that are affecting games. Everton have done all right out of the referee today." Everton sit third bottom, below Leeds on goal difference, as they fight to avoid playing in the second tier for the first time since 1954.

10-man Barca post nervy win

BARCELONA: Barcelona clung on with 10 men to beat Valencia 1-0 and move 10 points clear of Real Madrid at the top of La Liga on Sunday, thanks to Raphinha's early header.

The Brazilian winger nodded the Catalans in front in the 16th minute. But after Ferran Torres missed a penalty and Ronald Araujo was sent off, the hosts were left fighting tooth and nail for the three points.

Cleanup began in battered parts of the South and Midwest after a sprawling storm system produced ferocious winds and heavy snow that caused widespread damage and multiple deaths before racing through the Northeast on Saturday. More than a foot of snow fell in parts of New York state, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine before storm started to ebb late in the day

New pill cuts cholesterol, heart attacks

HEALTH

Medicines known as statins are the first-choice treatment for high cholesterol but millions of people who can't or won't take those pills because of side effects may have another option. In a major study, a different kind of cholesterol-lowering medicine named Nexletol reduced the risk of heart attacks and some other cardiovascular problems in people who can't tolerate statins, researchers reported on Saturday.

Doctors already prescribe the medicine, known chemically as bempedoic acid, to be used together with a statin to help certain high-risk patients further lower their cholesterol. The new study tested Nexletol without the statin combination —and offers the first evidence that it also reduces the risk of cholesterol-caused health problems.

Statins remain "the cornerstone of cholesterol-lowering therapies," stressed Dr. Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic, who led the study.

Cholesterol-lowering medicine Nexletol

But people who can't take those proven pills "are very needy patients, they're extremely difficult to treat," he said. This option "will have a huge impact on public health." Too much so-called LDL or "bad" cholesterol can clog arteries and lead to heart attacks and strokes. Statin pills like Lipitor and Crestor—or their cheap generic equivalents—are the mainstay for lowering LDL cholesterol and preventing heart disease or treating those who already have it. They work by blocking some of the liver's cholesterol production.

But some people suffer serious muscle pain from statins. While it's not clear exactly how often that occurs, by some estimates 10% of people who'd otherwise qualify for the pills can't or won't take them. They have limited options, including pricey cholesterol-lowering shots and another kind of pill sold as Zetia.

Nexletol also blocks cholesterol production in the liver but in a different way than statins and without that muscle side effect. The new five-year study tracked nearly 14,000 people who were unable to tolerate more than a very low dose of a statin. Half got daily Nexletol and half a dummy pill.

The main finding: Nexletol-treated patients had a 13% lower risk of a group of major cardiac problems. Then researchers teased apart those different conditions and found a 23% reduced risk of a heart attack, the biggest impact.

Second train derails in Ohio in a month

RAILWAYS

SPRINGFIELD: About 20 cars of a Norfolk Southern cargo train derailed near Springfield Saturday evening, the second derailment of the company's trains in Ohio in a month, officials said. But unlike the February 3 derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, a company spokesperson said there were no hazardous materials aboard the train, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported. The train, which did not have passengers, derailed around 5 pm on Saturday by State Route 41, near the Clark County Fairgrounds, *the Dispatch* reported. Springfield is about 74 km west of the state capital of Columbus, Ohio. The 20 cars of the 212-car train derailed while travelling south, the Norfolk Southern spokesperson said. Shawn Heaton told the *Springfield News-Sun* that he was waiting at the intersection as the train crossed the intersection and captured the start of the derailment on video.

"I was right there and I was playing on my phone and then I heard a loud bang. And when I heard the loud bang, I started recording," Heaton said.

"When I heard the bang, there was all kinds of debris and metal shoot out from under the cars and that's when I started recording and you could see them start jumping off the tracks." The Clark County Emergency Management Agency has asked residents within 1,000 feet of the derailment to shelter in place, but the agency said it has not issued formal evacuation orders.

Women picking tech, but also being sent out

GENDER

By 2029, there will be 3.6 million computing jobs in the US, but there will only be enough college graduates with computing degrees to fill 24% of these jobs. For decades, the US has poured resources into improving gender representation in the tech industry. However, the numbers are not improving proportionately. Instead, they have remained stagnant, and initiatives are failing.

Women make up 57% of the overall workforce. Comparatively, women make up only 27% of the workforce in the

technology industry. Of the 27% that join the technology industry, more than 50% are likely to quit before the age of 35, and 56% are likely to quit by midcareer.

So, questions arise: Why does the technology industry have a retention problem? Why are women who are employed by the technology industry quitting in such high volumes? What factors contribute to this low retention of women in the technology industry, and what kind of support do women need to stay and succeed in it?

Research shows that women face many challenges in the tech industry. The gender pay gap is severe. Women do not get the same opportunities as men; for example, only 18% of the chief information officers/ chief technology officers are women. And women receive unfair treatment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The notice is hereby given to general public at large that the Document pertaining to **property No.7, Puliar Koil Street Ashok Nagar PID No.76-66-7 Bangalore** belongs to **Sri.S.Mahaveer Chand** S/o Late Sampath Raj , aged about 70 years, residing at# 6/1 Hayes Road Cross, Richmond town Near HDFC Bank Bangalore and the said Sri . S.Mahaveer Chand had acquire the same .The said property Document being a registered Gift deed 8-10-2009 SHV-1-00923-2009-10 at the office of the sub-register Shivajinagar, Bengaluru. On 2.03.2023, my client while travelling to his house has lost the above said original document near Richmond Road and the same is not traceable. Thereafter a e-lost report has been file with Bengaluru Police on 4.03.2023 vide Lost Report No. 0490803/2023. Hence, if anybody has found or is in the possession of the above said original document relating to the said property, they are requested to hand over the same to the below signed address.

Sd/-

M.D. Vijay Simha, *Advocate*

21,1st floor N.J Chambers, V.S.N Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIX ADDL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE CCH:30, AT BANGALORE
OS. No.5683/2021

Between: 1. N. Rengasamy, S/o K R Narayanan, aged 74. **2. Aarthi,** D/o N Rengasamy, aged 41, Both R/a 3/178, Murugu Nagar, 4th Street, Velachery, Chennai-600042. ... **Plaintiffs**

And: 1. Vishal Guptha, aged major, President, Anand Enclave Flat Owners Association Resident of Flat No. **2. Murugaswamy,** aged major, Secretary, Anand Enclave Flat Owners Association, Both R/a Plot No.19, 7th Street, L B Sasthri Nagar, Near HAL Layout, Bangalore 560017. **3. Roopani,** aged major, R/a Flat No. 6, Anand Enclave, Vibhuthipura Village, Bangalore East Taluk ... **Defendants**

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.3 BY PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 1(a) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

Roopani, aged major, R/a Flat No. 6, Anand Enclave, Vibhuthipura Village, Bangalore East Taluk.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above Suit against the Defendants seeking Injunction and for other consequential relief before the Learned XXIXth Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, CCH 30, Bangalore. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed before the XXIXth Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, CCH 30, on **05.04.2023 at 11:00 a.m.** to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of exparte.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the car parking bearing No. 06 originally allotted to the Apartment bearing No. 101, in the multi-storied building known as "Anand Enclave" constructed on Site No. 4, Vibhuthipura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, East Taluk, in the Basement bounded on: **East by:** Car Park 303, **West by:** Drive Way, **North by:** Car Park No.05, **South by:** Drive way.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 8th day of February, 2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for petitioner: **Smt. Akshatha P** office at # 609, 1st Floor,16th Main, 19th Cross, 'A' Cross, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-560092

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-500001

Original Application No. 49/2019

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK, Kannamangala Branch
...APPLICANT

AND

Sri MOHAN R. IYENGAR & ANOTHER
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To

D2. Sri. RAMESH N.
S/o. Narayanappa Adavappa
Residing at:
No. 132/A, 10th Main,
Kalappa Block, Srinagar,
Bangalore-560 050.

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 1,58,71,560/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **10/05/2023 at 10.30 a.m. (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 23rd day of Dec. 2022.

Sd/- Registrar,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Bangalore

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 4471/2021 (COURT HALL NO. 66)

Between: Smt. Reethamma, W/o Late Sri C. Mariyappa, aged about 83 years, No. 67, Mother Theresa Road, Mariyannapalya, H.A. Farm Post, Bangalore-560024. ... **Plaintiff**

And: Smt. Rose Mary M and others ... **Defendants**

Notice to Defendants Nos. 12 & 13

12. Smt. Devamma, D/o Sri Nanjegowda, aged about 63 years, R/at Bachali Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562117.

13. Smt. L. Yashodamma D/o Lingegowda aged about 60 years, R/at Thokasandra Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562121.

Whereas, the Plaintiffs, above named have instituted against yourselves and other defendants seeking the relief of partition by metes and bounds and other consequential reliefs. Notice is hereby given to you to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or through an Advocate, duly instructed or someone authorised by law to appear on your behalf in the said case on **15-03-2023** at 11.00 A.M.

Failing to appear on this date, the suit will be dealt and decided in your absence by placing you EX-PARTE.

Both the defendants Nos. 12 and 13 are connected/related to the item No. 3 of the Schedule A property as mentioned below:

3. All the piece and parcel of the irregularly shaped land bearing Survey No. 96/6 measuring 6 guntas of Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and being bounded on **North by:** Portion survey No. 96/2 and Nala @ Water Line, **East by:** Land belonging to Balappa, **South by:** Remaining Portion of Survey No. 96/6 and **West by:** Land belonging to Patel Munivenkatappa.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 03-03-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiffs: **R.I.D'Sa**
No. 45, 2nd Main Road, Kempanna Brother's Layout, Palace Guttahalli, Bengaluru-560020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client has negotiated the purchase of the Immovable Property more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder **"Schedule Property"** from its present owner **Sri Vijayakumar, son of K.Siddaiah,** residing at # 12, Nikunja, 1st Cross, Subash Nagar, Nelamangala Town and Taluk.

If any Person/s, Bank/Society/Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below-mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their objections/claims, if any, in writing with authenticated documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property and the intended transaction will be finalized by our client as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned and our client will go ahead with the intended sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing **Sy No.34/1** (Old No.34) measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 7 Guntas excluding 03.00.00 Guntas Kharab, in all totally measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 10.00.00 Guntas, situated at **Jakkanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu-2 Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :

East by : Land belongs to Indo Gas Raju and land in Sy No.35/4, **West by :** Land belongs to Bhaskarappa and Gangabyrappa, **North by :** Road and land in Sy No.35/4, **South by :** Land belongs to Drakshayanamma

ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing **Sy No.35/4** (Old No.35) measuring to an extent of 36 Guntas excluding 0.04.12.00 Guntas Kharab, in all totally measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 00.12.00 Guntas, situated at **Jakkanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu-2 Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :

East by : Land belongs to Indo Gas Raju, West by : Land in Sy No.34/1, North by : Road, South by : Land in Sy No.34/1

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E-auction sale notice under Swiss challenge based on existing offer in hand for sale of movable assets under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 read with provisions to Rule 6(2) and 8(6) of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property hypothecated/charged to the secured creditor / IREDA, possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of IREDA will be sold on as is where is as is what is and whatever there is basis for recovery of below mentioned account.

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Inspection date and time of following asset is Rajesh Kujur, date 14.03.2023, time 1100 hrs to 1500 hrs, Phone No. 9958952599

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Independence day

Ghana becomes first Sub Saharan country to gain independence from the British under the leadership of Kwame Nkrumah on this day in 1957

THE CELEBRATIONS

There were six days of celebration, with garden parties, dance displays and a Miss Ghana competition. Dignitaries from almost every nation flew in

THE FLAG

The flag of the newly independent state was designed by Theodosia Salome Okoh. The red in the flag signified those who had died for independence

MARTYRS OF FREEDOM

World War II veterans were shot while protesting peacefully and 60 others were wounded on February 28, 1948 during the fight for freedom

Uncharted Waters

PG 3

Actor Ranbir Kapoor, who was in the city, chats with *CE* about Indian movies getting global recognition, movie genres he finds hard to do, and being a new parent

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'I WOULD RATHER WORK IN AN INDIAN FILM AND TAKE IT OVERSEAS'

MONIKA MONALISA

ALL the ladies in the audience wanted to click a picture with him, while many boys who were going to the Martin Garrix concert wanted a confirmation if they were going to see him there. To all those requests, actor Ranbir Kapoor patiently obliged. He also made a special appearance on stage on the second day of the Dutch DJ's Bengaluru tour.

In the city for the launch of Cinepolis's first luxury format multiplex, which has its new 11 Screen cinema, Kapoor says he's all for opening cinemas post the pandemic. "The exhibition sector was really hit hard but a lot of cinemas closed down, but slowly new cinemas are opening. As an actor, I am ready to do anything towards that," says Kapoor. While he visited the city mostly on work, he mentions he is quite impressed with Sandalwood. "The Kannada film industry is doing such amazing stuff, especially recently with films like *Kantara* and *KGF*," he adds.

With his latest movie, *Tu Jhoothi Mein Makkar* up for release, Kapoor is busy with its promotions. A rom-com, he feels it is a difficult genre to impress audiences with. "I have done quite a few from that genre, some have been good and some not so good. Worldwide, I feel it's a dying genre. Because people are not going to cinemas to watch rom-coms, they prefer larger-than-life action extravaganza films. So to pull the audience to theatres you need good pairing, music and a plot," he says, adding he enjoys doing biopics. In fact, he is working in the biopic of legendary singer Kishore Kumar, directed by Anurag Basu, and will also be doing one on cricketer Sourav Ganguly.

Ranbir Kapoor at Martin Garrix's concert (from sunburnfestival insta page)

This year, Indian movies are seen making quite a bit of noise on global platforms. Cheering for *RRR*, which is nominated for this year's Oscars, taking place on March 12, Kapoor says it's quite endearing when Indian movies do well overseas. "I would rather work in an Indian film and take it overseas. Make a film of your own, carry it with your own country and culture and show it off to the world. That is what *RRR* is doing, that's what *Lagaan* did in 2002 at the Oscars. It's been a long time since an Indian film has gone to the Oscars. We should push the boundaries and try to take cinema to the world," says Kapoor, whose wife Alia Bhatt will be making her Hollywood debut with *Heart of Stone*, which stars Gal Gadot in lead role.

Apart from doing movies, Kapoor who has recently stepped into parenthood is living every moment of this new phase. "It's been three and half months. I haven't found it exhausting yet. There is a lot of excitement and love. We have gone through sleepless nights but that is worth it. Alia is shooting in Kashmir (for *Rocky Aur Rani ki Prem Kahani*) and has taken Raha along with her. I miss them so much," says Kapoor.

Avin Thaliath(@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Shufta 2) Koat Pita
3) Churmo

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1) Prashnanth MV
2) Rajakumar T
3) Ganapathy

City-born American cinematographer Akanksha Shyam, who recently worked on a film produced by Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal, speaks about her filmmaking journey and returning to work in B'luru

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

TUNIR BISWAS

WHEN US-based cinematographer **Akanksha Shyam**, who is from the city, first laid eyes on French filmmaker Michel Gondry's surrealist romantic comedy *Mood Indigo*, she confirmed the realisation that filmmaking was her calling. She recently was the recipient of many accolades for her short film *Afloat* (2022), including Best US Cinematographer at the New York Cinematography Awards 2022.

"*Mood Indigo* left a deep impression on me. It was inspiring how they were able to create a world full of inanimate objects that come to life using a mix of live action and stop motion. It inspired me to go into film and try to create innovative visual narratives. *Afloat* was also inspired by this film. It has been an incredible journey with this film, after bagging awards at numerous film festivals and having screened the film in both the US and India," says Shyam, who is working on a feature film titled *Mirror*, a coming-of-age psychological drama about a teenager with alopecia who is attempting to recover from the trauma of losing her father at a young age.

Shyam, who is interested in surrealism and hyperrealism in films, believes there is a big scope for such films in India. "We forget that Indian cinema has a vast history of experimentation and creativity. The earlier periods of parallel cinema in India had a lot of themes and styles revolving around surrealism. Even now, there is a resurgence as streaming platforms are giving young filmmakers opportunities to experiment," she shares, adding that she is always on the lookout for working opportunities in India, and would love to come to Bengaluru.

"I spent a while in Bengaluru working at a production house called Studio 33 and I got to work with big clients and learn the ropes with incredible people. I love the city, the people, and the food, and would go back in a heartbeat," reiterates Shyam, who recently worked on an independent feature film called *Girls Will Be Girls* produced by Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal's new venture, Pushing Buttons Studios.

Among her many achievements, including being a BAFTA newcomer participant in 2020. "For the past three years, I have been a member of the BAFTA and a part of the Newcomer Program. It has been a surreal experience to have been able to be a part of this community that is bursting with talent and potential. The BAFTA North American division has been supporting young talent in various parts of the continent. Their LA contingent has been the largest yet. The programme attempts to bring together people in different disciplines of film to network and find community in their respective cities as 'newcomers' into those cities," says Shyam.

In her childhood, Shyam grew up in an environment of Carnatic music and dance, which she credits greatly for her film career. "As cheesy as it sounds, I have found that learning music, dance, and painting at a young age gave me the freedom to pour my emotional life into my work. Having an outlet can change things for anyone who is trying to find a voice. I believe it gave me the ability to process major life events and tough decisions through art. Having been exposed to art early on also gave me a larger vocabulary to look back on to express and relate to the world," she says.

Malayali Rhapsody

Bengaluru-based artist Sharath Narayan, speaks on his first Malayalam track *Anthinilavin*

MAHIMA ANNA JACOB

MUSICIAN Sharath Narayan has been enticing listeners with his 'soulful, soothing' music for over a decade now. While the Kochi native scaled many heights during this time, what remained elusive was his dream to put out a track in a regional language.

During the lockdown, however, Sharath was left to confront his long-cherished dream when the city remained out of reach. He moved his instruments to the living room and decided to give it a go. Now, nearly three years later, his song — a solo Malayalam track titled *Anthinilavin* — is finally out.

"I took classes in Carnatic music in my early days. Now, I'm training in Hindustani music. So I've long harboured a dream of creating a song in a regional language. Producing the track helped me understand how my singing and composition style changes with language," says Sharath, a full-time musician who also runs a recording studio named Cosma. The youngster is also the lead vocalist of the English band 'Black Letters'.

The song *Anthinilavin* charts the love story of a person who is smitten with someone. "It is metaphorical. The song is about a person's love affair with moonlight," Sharath elaborates.

In the beginning, the listener is eased into the song with the guitar strums and Sharath's soft humming. Soon enough, the track is bolstered with the introduction of drums and keyboard.

What perhaps takes the cake is the addition of a mridangam piece at the tail-end of the song. It adds an Indian element to the song.

"The Indian element is more evident in the vocals," Sharath explains. Besides the instruments, the track also uses Sharath's voice samples to inject that extra pep. In fact, the entire melody is made using voice samples. "I have played with vocals like a child here. I recorded, chopped, reversed, and pitched it up," Sharath says.

> *I've long harboured a dream of creating a song in a regional language. Producing the track helped me understand how my singing and composition style changes with language*
>
> Sharath Narayan, musician

What perhaps gives the song its deserved oomph is the addition of Tamil lyrics. As the Malayalam lyrics fade out, Sharath's Tamil rendition takes centre stage, keeping the track refreshing. "I have spent most of my time in Coimbatore. We speak Tamil in our house. So, while making the medley, the language came to me naturally," Sharath says.

The music video that accompanies the song illustrates the person's inability to reach their lover. Using visuals from the lockdown months in Bengaluru – of Sharath restricted by the confines of his house, the video augments the experience without ever seeming intrusive.

The four-minute track has managed to fetch positive responses from many. For some, it evokes nostalgia. The others have not gotten time to ponder any of that, as the song is still on a loop. "I'm delighted to learn that the song has touched a chord with many," Sharath says.

Anthinilavin, released by Wonderwall Media Network, was produced and recorded by Sharath Narayan. While Vinayak Sasikumar penned the lyrics, Pranav Bhasin directed the music video.

CITY READ

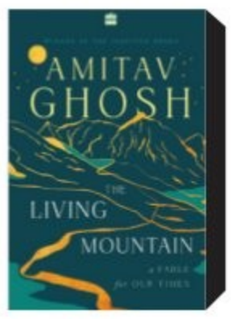
Swearing-in ceremony held

The Bengaluru Branch of The Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's (ICAI) newly-elected chairperson CA Divya Raghavendra, ICAI central council member CA Cotha S Srinivas, SIRC vice-chairperson CA Geetha B, along with speaker CA Mohan R Lav lit the lamp during the swearing-in ceremony at ICAI Bhawan, Vasanth Nagar recently.

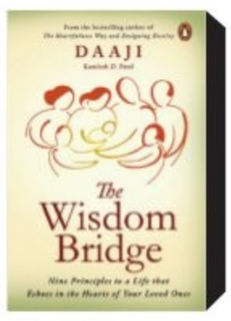
World 10K Bengaluru to take place on May 21

The 15th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru (TCSW 10K) will take place on Sunday, May 21, has been announced by Procam International, pioneers of internationally famous distance-running events in India. It will be flagged off from Kanteerava Stadium. It traverses locations, including Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park, and Chinnaswamy Stadium. Registrations for the $2,10,000 prize money event commenced on March 1 and will end on April 28, 2023. Registrations will end on May 15. Participants can register at tcsworld10k.procam.in

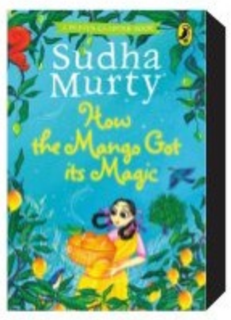
BOOK NOOK



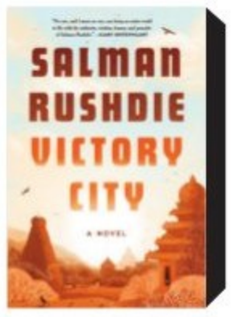
The Living Mountain: A Fable for our Times
by Amitav Ghosh
A tale of how we have systematically exploited nature, leading to an environmental collapse.



The Wisdom Bridge
by Kamlesh D. Patel
The Wisdom Bridge is 9 Principles to a Life that echoes in the Hearts of Your Loved Ones



How the Mango got its Magic
by Sudha Murty
The tale of how such sweetness came into existence is a fascinating one.



Victory City
by Salman Rushdie
The epic tale of a woman who breathes a fantastical empire into existence, only to be consumed by it over the centuries

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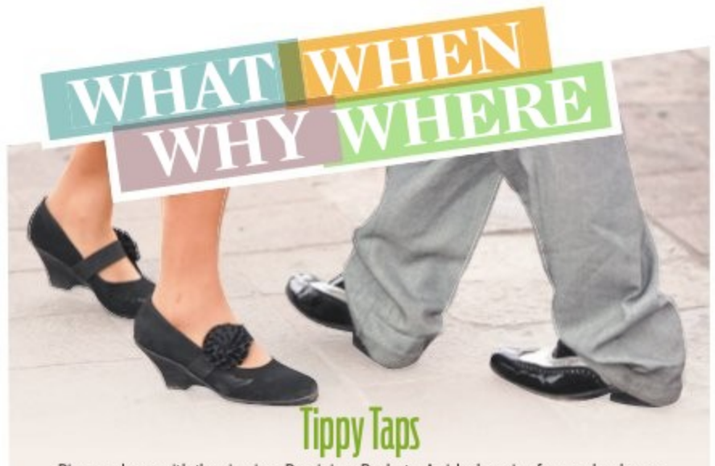

Tippy Taps

Discover dance with the vivacious Dominican Bachata. An ideal session for people who are new to Latin dance and want to start at the beginning.
WHERE: Small World, Koramangala **WHEN:** March 8 onwards, 7pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Mongolian hum

Martin Dubois, who received the transmission from Tserendavaa and Johanni Curtet, Nomad Roads, is here to teach you the fundamental skills necessary to delve into the world of Mongolian throat singing. Immerse yourself in an activity that can have a positive impact on your body, and mind.
WHERE: Shoonya Mari, Lal Bagh Main Road
WHEN: March 11, 2pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Muddy hands

A chance for your kids to interact with the soil, play with clay, and unleash their creativity and imagination via the most exquisite form of art: pottery. They learn about the texture of natural clay in this course, as well as hand-building methods including coiling, pinching, and slab-making.
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
WHEN: March 11, 10am **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Laughing fever

The Laugh-ology Project is a two-day, high-intensity stand-up comedy festival. An opportunity to share in the laughter at this huge unique event, which is certain to have you in stitches.
WHERE: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
WHEN: March 11 onwards, 6pm **DETAILS:** insider.in

A way of thinking

Explore escape rooms, science labs, birds and butterflies park, animal zone, kids zone and more at the Curiouscity Science Discovery Centre, an exciting new space for children and adults to explore the wonders of science through a ton of fun activities.
WHERE: Curiouscity Science Centre, Chowdadenahalli **WHEN:** March 11 onwards, 10am
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Fall of an Empire

Based on Girish Karnad's historical epic, the play *Crossing to Talikota* deals with the fall of the Vijayanagara empire in 1565 when an alliance of Deccan Sultanates defeated the Vijayanagara army, completely wiping out one of the greatest empires of South India.
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
WHEN: March 10 onwards, 7pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Long time, no sea

Explore the immaculate beauty of the Arabian with a tour that will starts with sight-seeing attractions on the way to your destination in Gokarna.
WHERE: Pickup at Mekhri Circle
WHEN: March 10, 7pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Colours Of Joy

Enjoy exhilarating music, live dhol, unlimited colours and groove on the booming beats of DJs at Gulaaal season 6.
WHERE: Aloft Hotel, Whitefield
WHEN: Till March 8, 11am **DETAILS:** allevents. in

FIELD OF VIEW
A visitor explores works showcased as part of a solo exhibition 'Infinite Light' by celebrated artist Paresh Maity displayed at Sumukha Art Gallery | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

BHARLI VANGI

Contributed by **Priya Shiva,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Brinjal:** 6
- **Onion:** 1, finely chopped
- **Cloves:** 2
- **Raw peanut:** 2 tbsp
- **Desiccated coconut:** 1 tbsp
- **Coriander seeds:** 2 tsp
- **Cumin seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Black peppercorns:** 4-5
- **Cinnamon:** a small piece
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Tamarind:** 2 tbsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Salt to taste**
- **Jaggery (grated):** 2 tsp
- **Vegetable oil:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Soak tamarind in 1/2 cup warm water for 15 minutes. Strain the pulp and separate tamarind water.
- Slit each eggplant, without removing the stems, to make four equal parts without separating them from the stem.
- Dry-roast peanuts, cumin seeds, coriander seeds, peppercorn, cloves and cinnamon over a slow flame for 2 minutes. Transfer it to a plate and let it cool down.
- Roast onions till it leaves its raw smell. Add red chilli powder, roasted spices, tamarind pulp, turmeric powder, jaggery, coconut, salt in your food processor and grinnd it to a paste. Stuff this mixture in the eggplants and keep aside.
- Heat the oil in a pan and place the stuffed brinjals. Fry them on low flame for a few minutes. Keep stirring.
- Now add 1/2 cup of water, remaining stuffing, a little salt and cover the pan. Cook over a low flame till the eggplants are tender. Serve it hot with roti or rice.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

ANJANEYASANA YOGA MUDRA

(LOW LUNGE POSE YOGA MUDRA)

This Mudra is a variation of Anjaneyasana (Crescent Low Lunge Pose). A backbend where the lower body is in Anjaneyasana (Low Lunge) while upper body has arms locked behind the body in Yoga Mudra. This variation is an intermediate-level pose.

STEPS

- Begin it with normal breathing, exhale and get into Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Now, with exhalation place your right foot in front just beside your right hand. Ensure that your right knee and right ankle are in one line. Now, gently drop your left knee.
- With inhalation, lift your arms and your torso. Lift your arms behind your body in Yoga Mudra so that you feel the stretch in your shoulder.
- To deepen the lunge, shift your balance onto the right foot.
- While keeping your spine engaged, extend your lower back. Pull your arms backwards so that your chest is pushed up and open up as much as possible. Hold in this position as long as you can balance yourself and breathe normally.
- With exhalation gently put your arms on the mat and go back to Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Release and relax in Balasana.
- Counter the stretch on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Balances the body and increases mobility of the shoulders and flexibility.
- Stretches and strengthens the shoulders, upper back, chest, upper abdomen, lower back, and psoas muscles.
- Stretches the muscles of quadriceps, hamstrings in the lower body region.
- Opens up the chest and heart.
- Improves the functioning of the lungs.
- Helps better flow of prana in the entire body.
- Leads to feel more energised.
- Helpful in treating and relaxing the soreness in the lower body.
- Helps better functioning of the organs of the digestive system
- Included in Vinyasa flow and it is a great warm up practice for the swimmers, cricketers, basketball-volleyball players, laborers, artists, or for the teens in active sports/work/profession.
- Prepares the body for many backbend poses.

LIMITATIONS

People with an injury in hip, shoulder joints, knee pain, muscular, quadriceps or hamstrings, high blood pressure, instability due to rotator cuff tears, tendonitis, arthritis, or pain in the shoulders, body weakness, weak knees, ankles, hip joints, seniors with a weak body frame, those with depression, migraine, or heart issues, pregnant women and during menstruation should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

NAARADAN (Malayalam)
The obsessive desire to be at the top of the pile ends up turning Chandraprakash, a journalist employed with a popular news channel, into an immoral individual.
Cast: Tovino Thomas, Sharaf U Dheen
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

12TH MAN (Malayalam)
Following a mysterious phone call and a death, the lives of 12 friends, who are at a bachelor's party, hang in the balance, while an inebriated policeman races to unravel the mystery.
Cast: Mohanlal, Jeethu Joseph
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

BABLI BOUNCER (Hindi)
An uneducated young girl from Asola Fatepur, a small village near Delhi, shifts to the big city to fulfil her dreams.
Cast: Tamannaah, Abhishek Bajaj
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

ADBHUTHAM (Telegu)
Vasu, a thug, kidnaps a police officer's daughter, Mohana, at the request of a gangster, who is desperate to take revenge on the police officer. What happens when Vasu and Mohana fall in love?
Cast: Shivani Rajashekar, Teja Sajja
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

LALITHAM SUNDARAM (Malayalam)
Unresolved issues emerge when three siblings and their families reunite to spend a week with their widowed father as a result of their late mother's forlorn attempt to rekindle harmony in the clan.
Cast: Manju Warrier, Biju Menon
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VATTAM (Tamil)
Tormented by his heartbreak, Mano decides to get rich by kidnapping a businessman. However, complications arise when he meets a girl and falls in love.
Cast: Sibiray, Athulya Ravi
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

FREDDY (Hindi)
The lines between love and obsession blur in this romantic thriller packed with unpredictable twists and sharp turns.
Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Alaya F
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

ELITE (Spanish, series)
When three working-class teens enroll in an exclusive private school in Spain, the clash between them and the wealthy students leads to murder.
Cast: Ester Expósito, Arón Piper
Watch on: Netflix

ALL OF US ARE DEAD (Korean, series)
Trapped students must escape their high school which has become ground zero for a zombie virus outbreak.
Cast: Park Solomon, Cho Yi-hyun
Watch on: Netflix

CODE NAME: EMPEROR (Spanish)
When an intelligence agent is tasked with incriminating a squeaky-clean politician, he is forced to decide if there are still some lines he won and cross in the names of upholding peace.
Cast: Alexandra Masangkay, Lui Tosar
Watch on: Netflix

20TH CENTURY GIRL (Korean, series)
A teen girl has her eyes set on a boy for her lovesick best friend. However, things become complicated when she falls in love and is forced to choose between love and friendship.
Cast: Byeon Woo-seok, Kim Yoo-jung, Roh Yoon-seo
Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹149 per month

WINE, DINE AND IT'S FINE!

Reuben Kataria, Valentina Abbona & Madhulika Dhall

I T was dreary day, and I had decided that it was high time to clean out all the junk in my cupboards. I tried very hard to enrol or bribe my household staff to help me but my cheeky help just wagged her ample 'tushie' at me and walked off. Just as I settled down (with a deep sigh), my cell phone jangled and I all but twisted my ankle to answer it. It was my beauteous friend Madhulika Bhattacharya Dhall aka Madam La Cave from Delhi. Madhulika is a woman of many talents. She is a wine connoisseur, gourmand and the owner of the La Cave fine-wine and spirits boutiques all over India.

This leading lady of wines, makes it easy to understand and enjoy, proving that the grape business isn't just for the menfolk or aficionados alone. I am extremely fond of her and when she trilled that she was going to be in Bangalore to host an uber exclusive table for friend Valentina Abbona, CEO of the famed Marchesi Di Barolo vineyards, I was suitably impressed and thrilled! After much squealing (with delight) and confabbing, the beautiful environs of The Four Seasons Hotel was decided upon as the venue. Of course with our common good friend, GM Reuben Kataria at the helm of affairs, this was going to be: Une affaire a retenir (an affair to remember). With a carefully hand-picked guest list, and an epicurean SE Asian meal from their signature restaurant, Far & East, imbibing over 20 bottles of the finest wines from the Barolo vineyards was a breeze! Things should be done in style or not at all, right Madhulika?

Tushna, Keenan, Ryan, Ashitta & Neha Tham

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

Next up was the much-awaited launch of the very popular restaurant from Mumbai, Foo. The Tham brothers, both Keenan and Ryan come from a much respected line of restaurateurs and their father Henry Tham was the popular owner of the legendary Kamling and Mandarin (re-named Henry Thams). Now his sons have opened Foo, at the Rex Mall in Bangalore and the pan-Asian food, the cocktails and the ambiance is just rocking! A bunch of friends landed up there together and since Keenan and Ryan's mother, Ashitta Tham, is also a friend from Mumbai, it was great catching up, chatting, drinking and eating non-stop! I just love weeks like these where everywhere you go, one ends up having a good time! Me-thinks it's because I have separated the 'riff from the raff' and saying 'yes' to everywhere and everything is very plebeian! Do I sound like a snoot?Good! That keeps me safe!

The week ended on a splendid note. Deepti Kat (as she is fondly known) is a young serial entrepreneur who has opened up a slew of trendy bars and restaurants all over India. She once even partnered with the likes of the mighty AD Singh! She threw an 'all-white' themed sundowner in her new restaurant and bar, Mystique, where again a hand-picked group of expats and us rubbed shoulders, clinked glasses, ate and danced like no one was watching. A mellow and wonderful Sunday.

With all that 'madeira' imbibing that happened this week, I suppose I don't have a reason to 'whine'! Keep your 'spirits' up folks.

UNCHARTED WATERS

Post the Goa Swimathon 2023, held recently, organisers, and swimmers from the Bengaluru team talk about encouraging more open-water events

TUNIR BISWAS

THE recently-concluded 11th edition of the Goa Swimathon featured a new location for open-water racing: Betalbatim beach in South Goa instead of Bambolim beach near Panjim, where it was held in the past editions. With over 700 swimmers participating, the event kicked off in an epic fashion and Bengaluru came out on top. With 50 podium finishes, more than any other participating city, the swimmers made their city proud.

"I have taken part in a few open-water races before, but only two were in Goa. Swimming in an open-water race is different from the ones in a pool. In the latter, it's in freshwater and you're aware of your surroundings. The flow of water in a pool is also stable whereas, in open water, it can get very choppy. You're also constantly battling tides and currents. But that's what makes it challenging. A swimmer who hasn't swum in open water before will be surprised in many ways," explains Shreyas Hosur, who participated in the 5km race.

But swimming in the open sea without great visibility in an ecosystem not predominantly inhabited by human beings, the event was not without its challenges. For Olympian and Arjuna-awardee Nisha Millet, this was her maiden open-water race but she ended up ranking first in the women's category and second overall in the 5km marathon. "This was my first time racing in a sea. Karnataka has a few open-water events in Mangaluru and Malpe, among others. But more and more people are developing an interest in it post-Covid. As for me, I found it very challenging and satisfying, and am looking forward to attending open-water races. I might do one in Phuket, Thailand in December this year," she says.

City-based swimmer Ravish Rao, who won the 2km race, believes if such events are replicated in more numbers in Karnataka, it will benefit the state. "Being part of the Goa Swimathon was fantastic with so many people participating in multiple races. I would suggest that such events should happen in our state also as I believe it will help promote tourism here. But the only thing to keep in mind when organising such events is to respect nature as it is us, swimmers, who are coming into their world and not the other way around," concludes Rao, a chartered account by profession.

Additionally, Elias Patel, who has been the race director of the Goa Swimathon since 2011, mentions that future editions of the event are on their way. "We actually changed the location after listening to all participants' feedback as they were beginning to get bored of the same place and requested for a more 'exciting one'. But the challenges of putting together an event of this magnitude in a new place included finding a location that was clear of rip currents, submerged rocks, sandbars and heavy marine traffic and yet, had easy connectivity to airports, railway lines and emergency facilities. But we are excited for the future renditions of this swimathon. We haven't set a location yet but have a few options in consideration, including the recent one," shares Patel.

Swimmers rushing to the sea for a race at the Goa Swimathon

DON'T WASTE THE INK!

Medieval marginalia' is the phrase used to describe the bizarre doodles made by monks on 14th century religious texts. We might be aware of them because of their resurgence in memes. The doodles are rarely mundane — with drawings of humans being impaled by sword-wielding rabbits, detailed sketches of knights fighting snails, smiling skeletons, and numerous visual fart jokes. While the doodles are great meme fodder, they also make for a good video game.

'Inkulinati' is a strategy game that takes from this strange medieval art. At the heart of the game are the Inkulinati themselves. These are the artists that wield the revered 'Living Ink'. Living Ink is preciously limited and is what makes the marginalia in the books come to life. Blessed with a starter ink bottle, you (as the artist) will have to draw varied beasts on the battlefields of book margins. These creatures have different powers. My personal favourite is 'bow-wielding rabbit'. But if you are feeling a little adventurous, you could load up the army with 'donkey bard', which can put enemies to sleep with its farting trumpet. The Inkulinati also have some special powers themselves, and the artist can hit the animated creatures.

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

The campaign consists of battles between beasts scribbled on pages of a book. It's fancy chess, with animations and additional characters. The goal is to battle, gain prestige, and build a large bestiary filled with these strange creatures. While all of it looks and sounds very silly, the strategy goes deeper. Each new battle brings fresh challenges. Sometimes in the form of powerful enemies, and other times, some environmental calamities. At any point, unexplained developments could occur in the game.

Considering that the game is still in early access, which means it's not fully ready, it already plays quite well. An over-complicated tutorial could completely put me off an interesting game, and it's specifically difficult to get it right in a strategy game. Inkulinati couldn't have made this simpler for me, and I assume a beginner to games should find it easy too. This preview edition is currently available along with the Xbox.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **ROBERT JOHN AROCKIASWAMY**, S/o AROCKIASWAMY, Residing at #305, Gaddalahalli, Ashalaya Layout, Behind Mantri Apartment, Kothanur Post, Bangalore-560077, Declaring that
1) ROBERT JOHN A
2)ROBERT JOHN AROCKIASWAMY,
3) AROKIASWAMY,
all the above said names pertains to me only & In future will continue my name as **ROBERT JOHN AROCKIASWAMY** Vide affidavit dated 01/03/2023, sworn before notary UDAY KUMAR K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VIJAYA PARAMJOTHI, residing at No. 623, 3rd Block, 50th Cross, Near Ramamandir, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VIJAYA PARAMJOTHI** to **(NEW NAME) VIJAYA PARANJOTHI** vide affidavit Dated 25/02/2023 sworn before Notary Kundan Babu.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUDHA .N,** (New Name) W/o Gopi, age 33 years, R/o No. 259/2, 1st Cross, Near Ashok Clinic, S.G. Palya, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **J. SIDDAMMA** (Old Name) to **SUDHA .N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUDHA .N** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 04-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. Sulakshana** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. PAWAN KUMAR** S/o Appa rao, residing at 401, The Florentine, 5th Cross, Reliable residency, Phase 3, Harlur, Bangalore-102 has changed my name as **PAWAN KUMAR SALLA** for all further records vide affidavit dated 04.03.2023 sworn before B.M Chandrashekhar, Advocate and notary

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sampada Kulkarni** W/o. Eapen Jacob, C 1802, Salarpuria Senorita, Sarjapur Main Road, Opp. Wipro Corporation Office, Kaikondahalli, Bangalore - 560 035, do hereby declare that **SAMPADA SHARAD KULKARNI** and **SAMPADA KULKARNI** both the names are one and the same person belongs me only. Vide affidavit dated 3.12.2022 sworn to before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HARISH. K.C. S/o Sri. K.S. Channabasappa, aged about 44 years, residing at No.729, 12th Main Road, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru-560056, have changed my son's name from **GANAN. K.H. to GAHAN AARYAN. H.K.** Vide affidavit dated: 04-03-2023, sworn before advocate and Notary K.P. Ramesh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHETANA LAVAKUMAR** R/at No.809, A Division, Vinayaka Extension, Hosadurga, Chitradurga-577527, have changed my name to **CHETANA BUDIHAL LAVAKAUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 4/3/2023 Before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G.** Bangalore.

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I, Krishna Khandelwal S/o Amit Khandelwal, aged about 20 years, R/at No. 205, "Triveni Kuteer" 10th D Main Road, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011, have changed my name from **"Ekansh Khandelwal"** to **KRISHNA KHANDELWAL** vide Affidavit dated 03.01.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Aravind Patil, Bangalore

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I, **MANISHA OSTWAL,** W/o Sandeep Ostwal, R/at no. 273, Perfecta Charm Flat 404, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANITA SURANA** to **MANISHA OSTWAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANISHA OSTWAL** only, vide affidavit dated 02-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. SHANKARANARAYANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TASMEEM FATHIMA**, D/o. Late Amai Mohammed Khan, Aged 63 years, residing at No. 441/16, 14th Cross, Lakkasandra, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 030, Karnataka, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **TASMEEM FATHIMA** and **TASMEEM WAHEED AHMED** refers to me only and one and the same person name only and in future I will continue my names as **TASMEEM FATHIMA** in all my future correspondence, records, transactions, etc. Vide affidavit dated 04.03.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVARAMU D S (SHIVARAMU DODDAKARADEV SHIVALINGEGOWDA)** Aged about 49 years, S/o. Shivalinge Gowda, No. 103, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Railway Layout, 1st Stage, Bhavaninagar, Mallathahalli, Ullal Main Road, Bangalore - 560 056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVARAM D S (SHIVARAM DODDAKARADEV SHIVALINGEGOWDA)** to **SHIVARAMU D S (SHIVARAMU DODDAKARADEV SHIVALINGEGOWDA)** vide affidavit dated 03.03.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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I, HARISH. K.C. S/o Sri. K.S. Channabasappa, aged about 44 years, residing at No.729, 12th Main Road, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru-560056, have changed my daughter's name from **DEETHA. K.H. to HANSIKHA ADHYA. K.H.** Vide affidavit dated: 04-03-2023, sworn before advocate and Notary K.P. Ramesh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K.K.MOHAN,** residing at No. 60, 25 & 26th Main Road, 5th Cross, 5th Block, Nandhini Layout, Bangalore-560096, have changed my Minor Son's name from **INDRA.M** to **ISHAN.M** vide affidavit Dated 04/03/2023 sworn before Notary Lakshminarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **D.SHIVAKUMAR,** S/o A.M.Dyavanna, Aged about 42 years, R/at #C-14/10 DRDO Township Phase-1, Near KV school, CV Raman Nagar Bangalore East 560093, have changed my minor daughter's name from **S.S.SANJANA** to **ASHVIKA SHALINI ALIGARA.,** vide affidavit dated 18/11/2022 sworn to before A.C.Subbu Swamy advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRESH HIRJI SHAH,** S/o Late Sri Hirji K Shah, aged about 59 years, R/at No. 242, "Ashirwad", 7th D Main, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDRESH** to **CHANDRESH HIRJI SHAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHANDRESH HIRJI SHAH** only, vide affidavit dated 03-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. VEENA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POORAJ RAJU POOJARY**, S/o Raju Poojary, Age 37 years, Residing at No. C2-1213, Sobha Indraprastha, Opp. Sujatha Theatre, Rajajinagar, Gopalpura, Bengaluru - 560 023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POORAJ** to **POORAJ RAJU POOJARY** vide affidavit dated 04.03.2023 sworn to before D.S. Chandrakanth, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Meenakshi,** previously called **Meenakshi Songara,** W/o Mr. Rakesh Panwar, Aged 33 years, residing at Flat No.701, Parimala Skyview, Prashant Vihar Ext, ITPL Main Road, Near TVS Showroom, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'MEENAKSHI SONGARA' to "MEENAKSHI"** vide Affidavit dated 4.3.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M.Rajasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BODIGE HARI KISHAN S/o. Late Mallesham, aged about 40 years, Residing at No. 177, 1st Block, 6th Cross, Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Main Road, Begur, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 068. declared that the names **"BODIGE HARI KISHAN" and "BODIGA HARI KISHAN"** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dt. 03-03-2023 before Advocate and Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) MYSORE RAMASWAMY KALYANI,** residing at No. 838, 3rd Main Road, E Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560010, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MYSORE RAMASWAMY KALYANI** to **(NEW NAME) KALYANI RAMAMURTHY** vide affidavit Dated 25/02/2023 sworn before Notary Kundan Babu.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUMARA. R,**
S/o Ramachandraiah. G, aged about 36 years, R/at Magadi Taluk, Iyandahalli, Ramanagara, Karnataka-582131, have changed my name from **"KUMARA. R" to "KUMAR. R"**, vide affidavit dated 04/03/2023, sworn before Notary Advocate **Deepa M,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **VENKATESH .P.T** and **DAKSHAYANI .T,** R/at No. 12, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bengaluru-560056, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor daughter's name from **CHERANYA VENKATESH** to **ARNAVI .V,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **ARNAVI .V** only, vide affidavit dated 03-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N. Yadu Nandan**, S/o. Sri. H.D. Narasimha, Aged about 36 years, Resident at No. 201, 'Someshwara Arcade', 1st Main Road, Sanjeevininagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **SAANYA NANDAN** to **Y. SIRI** vide affidavit dated 4.3.2023 sworn to before K. Gunde Gowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sanjeev Shantappa Shettar, S/o Shantappa, aged about 45 years, R/at No.138, 20th Cross, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Near Total Gas, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 have changed my name from **SANJEEV SHETTAR to SANJEEV SHANTAPPA SHETTAR** Vide affidavit dated: 24-1-2023, sworn before Notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
LOSS OF CERTIFICATES
I, Navneet Nair, aged about 25 Years, S/o Mr. Ajit Nair, residing at No. 303, A-Block, Jeevan Samskruthi Apartments, 4th A Cross, Munnekoalala, Bangalore-560037, Karnataka, India. I lost my folder with all my original documents including ICSE Pass Certificate, Statement of Marks and Transfer Certificate, PU Certificate and its Marks-Card and B.Com (Honours) Degree Certificate at Manchester (UK). I lodged police complaint vide Loss Report No. LR202212128ADA-A259C6D78011, Dated: 10/12/2022 with the concerned Police Authority, Manchester (UK), in this regard. If found please call +44-7435455200 & +91-97402-57717. I state that I am swearing this affidavit to produce the same before the respective authorities, for duplicate Marks card. Vide Affidavit Dated 04-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public S. S. Indira, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) BHAGYALAKSHMI CHIKKAMATHURU NANJAPPA,** residing at Basaveshwara Nagara Arishinakunte Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural-562123, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) BHAGYALAKSHMI CHIKKAMATHURU NANJAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) BHAGYALAKSHMI CHIKAMAUTUR NANJAPPA** vide affidavit Dated 03/03/2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JAYALAKSHMI, D/o GopalaRao,** aged around 92 years, R/at No.2230/83, "Arunadri" 9th Main Road, 'E' Block, Subramanyanagar, Rajajinagar II Stage, Bangalore - 560010. I have changed my name form **"JAYALAKSHMI," to "B.S.JAYALAKSHMI"** Vide affidavits dated:04-03-2023 Notary before **Nijagunaradhya,** advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sri Karthik Janakiraman,** S/o Sri K. Janakiraman, aged 48 years, R/at No. 308, Kuteer Bliss Apartment 148, Nobo Nagar 2nd main Road, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **KARTHIKEYAN** and **KARTHIK JANAKIRAMAN** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 03-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Nethravathi Bengaluru Gavi Raju**, D/o. B. Gavi Raju, Aged about 39 years, Resident of No. 10, 1st Cross, R.R. Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Nethravathi Bangalore Gavi Raju** to **Nethravathi Bengaluru Gavi Raju** vide affidavit dated 4.3.2023 sworn to before H.H. Nagaraj, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMESH, S/o. Thammaiah, resident of # 3207/5, 3rd Cross, B.B. Mill Road, Bannimantap Layout, Mysuru-570015 Karnataka have changed my name to SRINIVAS T** vide affidavit dated 25/02/2023 sworn before advocate and notary Kodi Nagappaya, Bengaluru.

Shivarajkumar

'MY CAMEO IN *KABZAA* WILL BE A SURPRISE PACKAGE'

Shivarajkumar, who recently dubbed his portions for the film, talks about being part of Chandru's directorial

A SHARADHAA

A FEW months ago, we broke the news about Shivarajkumar appearing in a cameo in *Kabzaa*. Director R Chandru, who kept the news under wraps for so long, finally confirmed the news a couple of days ago.

In a note released through his social media account, director Chandru said, "You all know that *Kabzaa* features superstar Upendra and Kichcha Sudeep. But I want to give you all another good news that you have been asking for so long, and yes, *Kabzaa* also features our beloved Karunada Chakravarthy Shivarajkumar. Thank you Shivanna, for your continued support, "

Shivarajkumar dubbed his portions for the film, along with Upendra, at the recording studio on Sunday. Speaking to *CE*, the actor says, "It is a cameo, and it is a surprise package, which should be experienced in theatres." The makers are reportedly planning to release *Kabzaa* in two parts. When asked if his character will be taking the lead in the second chapter, Shivanna confirms by saying, "The director plans to take the lead through my character, but how it will be done is yet to be discussed." The actor then expressed his happiness about Amitabh Bachchan releasing the film's trailer. He then went on to say he was "the biggest fan of the Shahenshah." Written and directed by R Chandru, the film will hit the theatres on March 17. The film, starring Upendra in the lead, is set in the pre-independence era and is set to have grand visuals that bring the 1940s alive.

Shriya Saran plays the female lead, with Sudeep playing a pivotal role. The cast of the film also includes Anoop Revanna, Pramod Shetty, Murali Sharma, Jagapathi Babu, Danish Akthar Saifi, Kabir Duhan Singh Jayaprakash, and Kota Srinivas.

Kabzaa is produced by director R Chandru under the Sri Siddheshwara Enterprises banner in association with Alankar Pandian. The Hindi version of Kabzaa will be distributed by Anand Pandit Motion Pictures, and Sudhakar Reddy is handling the Telugu version.

Upendra

Roshni Prakash replaces Krithi Shetty in Bala's Vanangaan

CE FEATURES

BALA'S Vanangaan has been going through a string of cast replacements in recent times. Originally planned with Suriya as the lead, the makers later roped in actor Arun Vijay after Suriya's exit from the project. And now, it seems that Krithi Shetty, who was supposed to play the female lead, has also been replaced.

According to sources, Roshni Prakash will now play the female lead in the film. The actor had previously appeared in Tamil films like *Yemaali* (2018), Jada (2019), and Kavaludaari (2019) and Lucky Man (2022) in Kannada. The makers of *Vanangaan* are expected to make an official statement regarding Roshni's involvement with the film soon.

It has been confirmed that GV Prakash Kumar will be composing the music for the film. Sources further state that director Bala is expected to restart the shooting for the film with the new set of actors from March 9.

Roshni Prakash

Bala Vanangaan

With a broad South Indian release, the title of the film directed by Naresh Kumar has finally been justified, says actor Sarthak

South Indian Hero to be dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam

CE FEATURES

NARESH Kumar's latest film, *South Indian Hero*, is finally getting a complete South Indian release. The Kannada film starring Sarthak, Kaashima Rafi, and Urvashi Jayan was released on February 24. Now the film is all set to be dubbed in other South Indian languages like Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam.

Sarthak, who plays the protagonist in the film, expressed his happiness by saying, "With a broad South Indian release, the title of the film has finally been justified. I had already done serials in both Tamil and Telugu languages, so I hope to get the same kind of recognition for my first film," says Sarthak. *South Indian Hero* is a film that talks about stardom. The film achieves this by taking you inside the life of a superstar. When asked if the film had made him realise the effects of stardom, Sarthak says, "*South Indian Hero* made me understand a superstar's life, which comes with its ups and down. It showed me the nuances of their life on and off screen, I still hope to reach there someday but without all the pressure and the emotional hathyachar. Having said that, I know the reality. Every hero craves that love and adulation, and when he gets there, how he manages is different. The personal life gets compromised, and the competition should be managed. I wouldn't have found a better project to showcase the range of my performance. The characterization and get-ups made me feel like I got to do some ten films in one film."

Sarthak says the acceptance of the people and the success of the film had already made him feel the pressure. So he wants to choose his next project carefully. "I have been in discussions for three projects, which includes one from my own production. But I want to complete all my current projects before I sign my next film," he signs off.

Sarthak

John Cena

Jackie Chan

Teenage Mutant... announce the voice cast

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* have announced the voice cast of the upcoming film. The new voice cast members include Hannibal Buress as Genghis Frog; Rose Byrne as Leatherhead; John Cena as Rocksteady; Jackie Chan as Splinter; Ice Cube as Superfly; Natasia Demetriou as Wingnut; Ayo Edebiri as April O'Neil; Giancarlo Esposito as Baxter Stockman; Post Malone as Ray Fillet; Paul Rudd as Mondo Gecko; and Maya Rudolph as Cynthia Utrom.

The lead cast members of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* include Micah Abbey, Shamon Brown Jr., Nicolas Cantu and Brady Noon. The upcoming film is produced by Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon Movies and Point Grey Productions.

Mutant Mayhem will follow the crime-fighting Ninja Turtles as they protest New York City. The Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and are recognized as typical youths through bravery after spending years shielded from the outside world. They take on a mystery crime syndicate with the aid of their new buddy April O'Neil (Edibiri), but they quickly find themselves in over their heads as a mutant army is unleashed on them.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem is directed by Jeff Rowe. It marks Nicklodean's first-ever CG-animated theatrical production.

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was a kids' comic book franchise created by Peter Laird and Kevin Eastman in 1984. It later became a hit animated TV show, a live-action series and numerous blockbuster theatrical releases. The first teaser for *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*: Mutant Mayhem will be out on Monday.

WWE Champion *The Great Khali* is making his South Indian film debut with *Kendada Seragu*

CE FEATURES

ROCKY Somli's upcoming directorial, *Kendada Seragu*, is a sports drama based on Kushti (wrestling). The film is based on an original novel penned by director. It was earlier reported that the film stars Malashree as a police commissioner and Bhoomi Sheety as a wrestler. Now, the cast only gets bigger with wrestler-turned-actor, Dalip Singh Rana, popularly known as The Great Khali marking his south Indian debut with this film. The director says he was keen on bringing an original wrestler, and that's when he decided to bring the world-renowned, Indian-origin WWE champion on board.

"I was looking for an artist who could do justice to the role of a wrestler and even envisioned a few actors in that role, but I realised the character needed some authenticity, and when Khali, who is both a wrestler and an actor, came to my mind, I approached him immediately," says Rocky.

The director further added that with Khali in the picture, the scope of the film has only gotten bigger. The Great Khali has appeard in Hollywood and Bollywood films like *The Longest Yard, Get Smart*, and *Kushti*.

Talking about The Great Khali's role in the film, the director says, "Khali will play a role of a coach, and a Kannadiga. He has a prominent role and will appear in major portions of the film." he further added, "We are filming the portions with Khali from April, and we are also planning to shoot a wrestling sequence with him." *Kendada Seragu* is currently in the post-production stage. The film has music by Veeresh Khambli and cinematography by Vipin V Raj. Made by Sri Muttu Talkies and SK Productions, Kendada Seragu also stars Sindhu Loknath in a cameo as a writer, along with Yash Shetty, Vardan, Shobhita, Pratima, Basu Hiremath, and Harish in pivotal roles.

The Great Khali with director Rocky Somli